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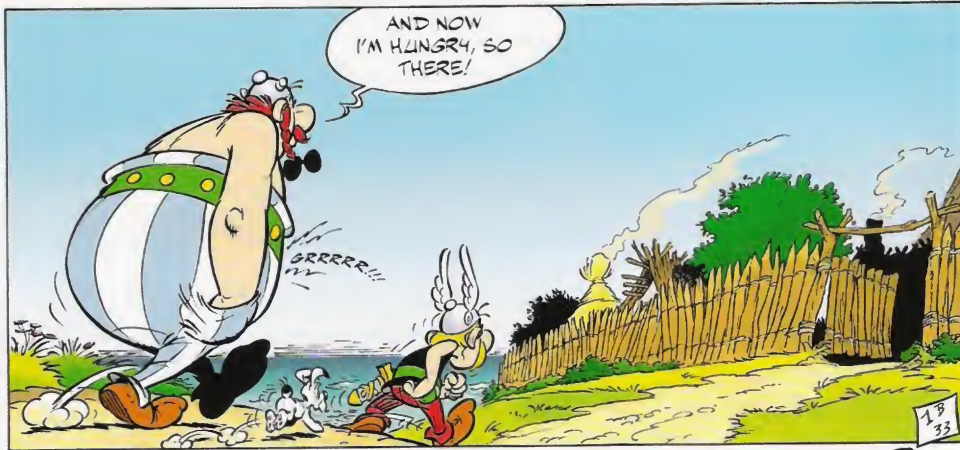
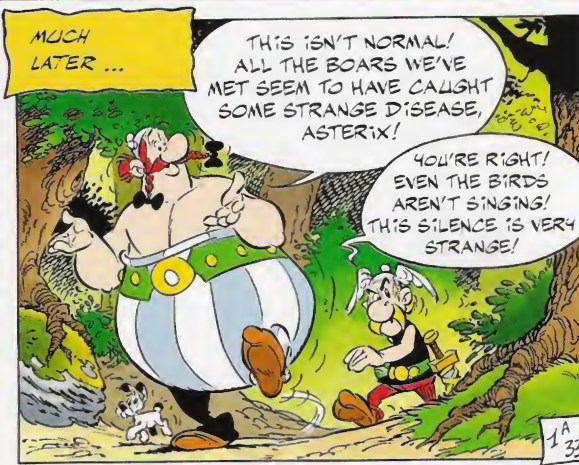
For my brother Bruno, to whom I owe everything.

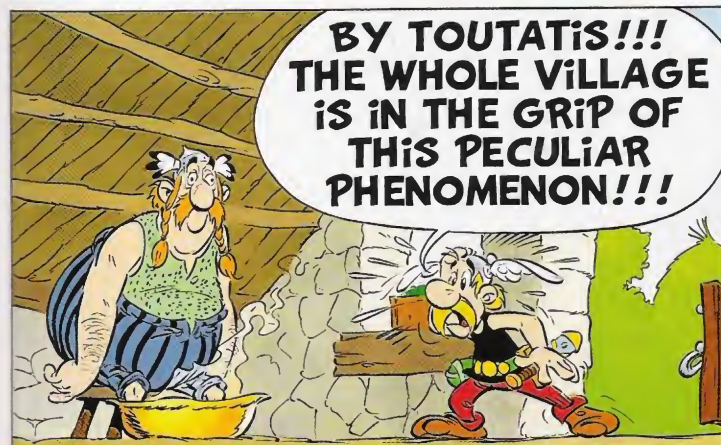
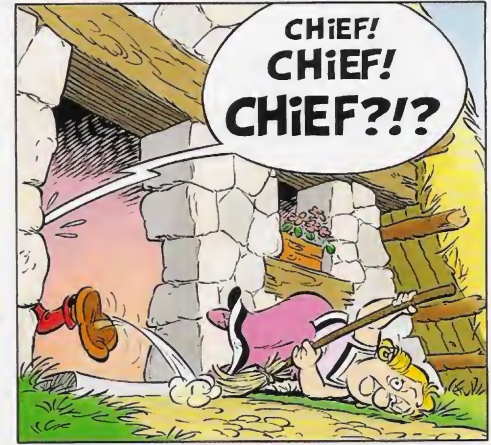
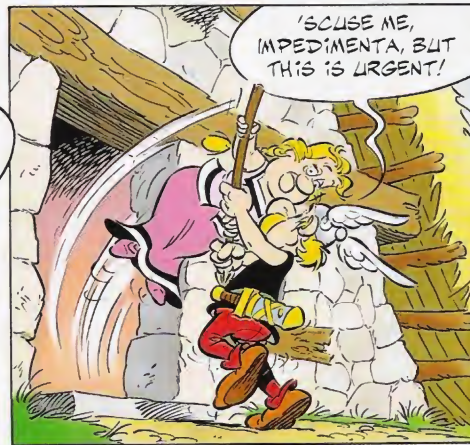
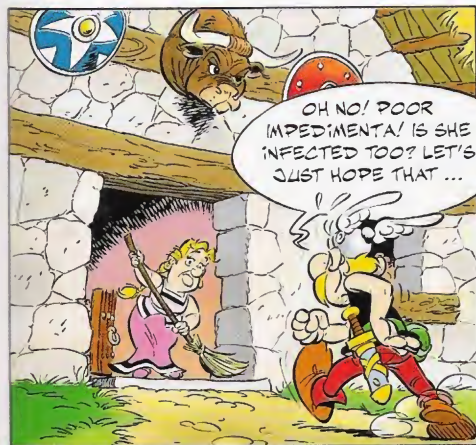
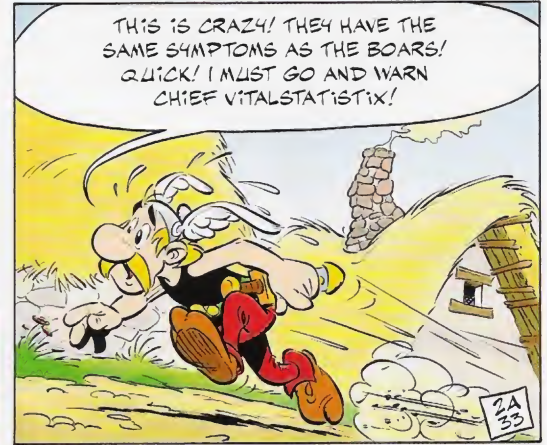
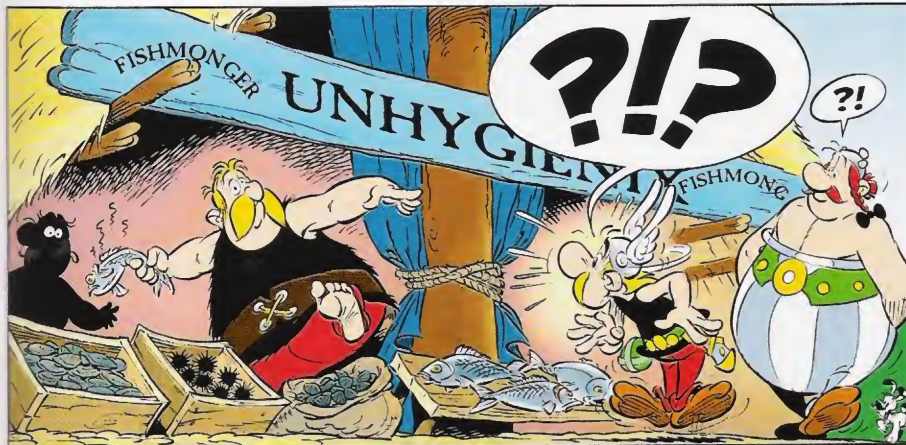
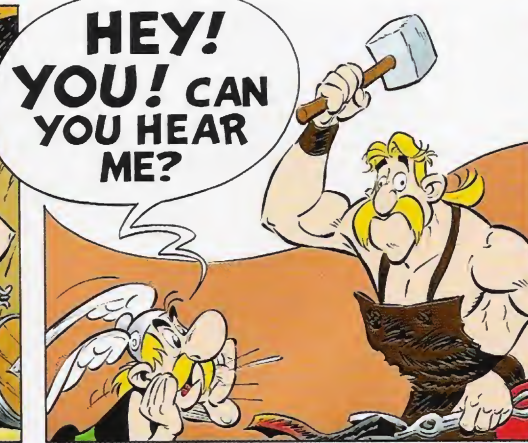
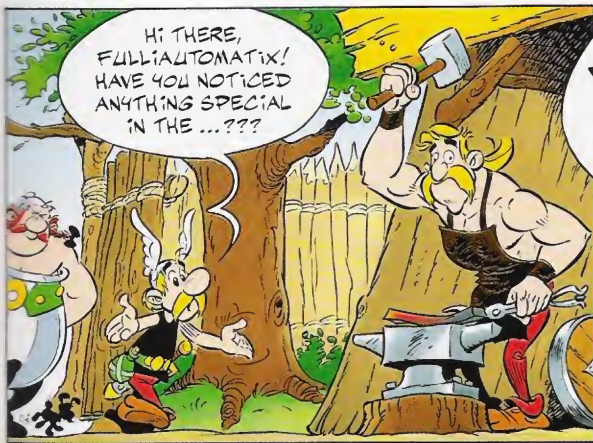


Bruno (1920-2004) and Albert Uderzo in 1942

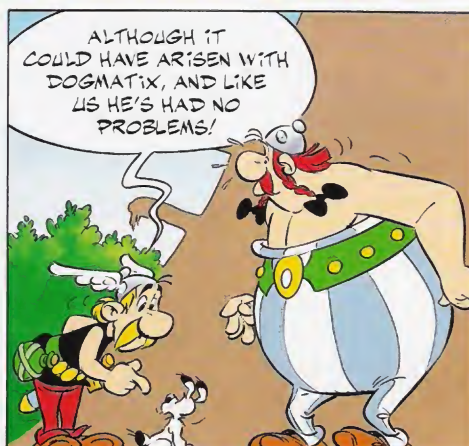
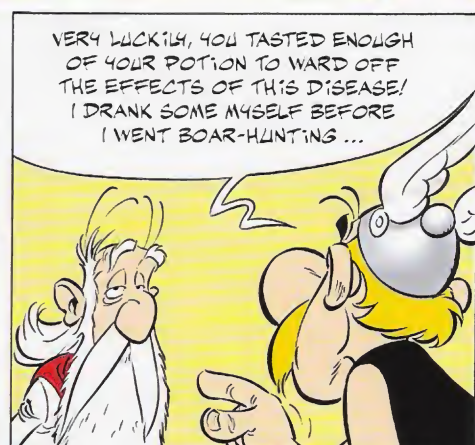
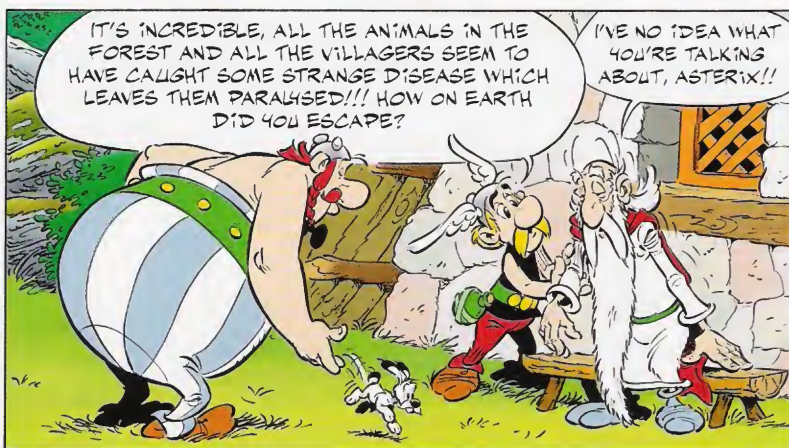
Bruno Uderzo was Albert's elder brother. There were seven years between them. It was Bruno who, recognising his younger brother's budding talent, first took him to see a Parisian publisher. That was in the summer of 1940, and Albert was thirteen years old.

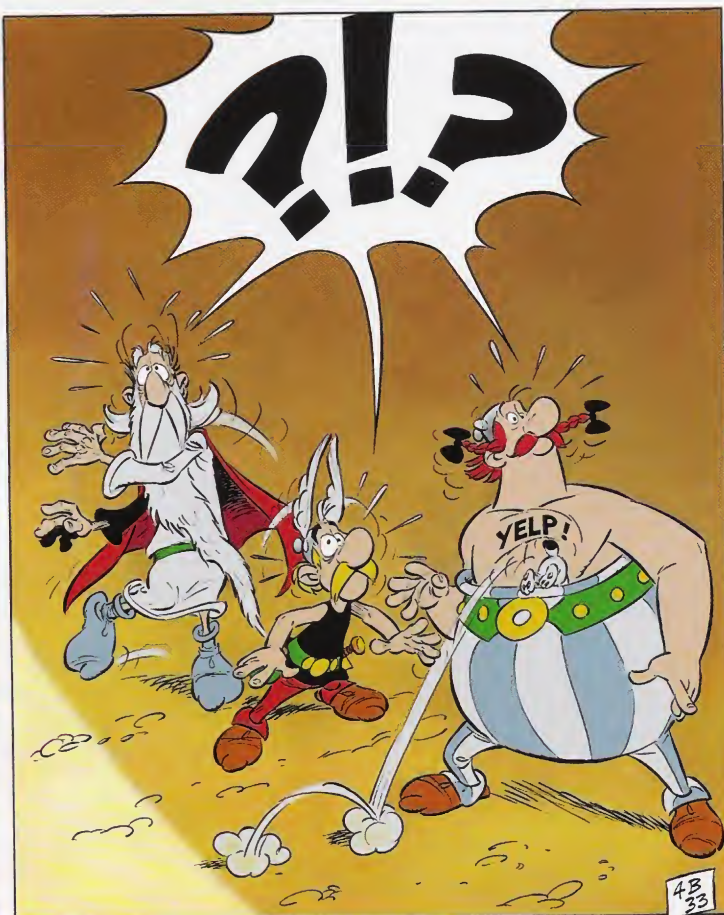
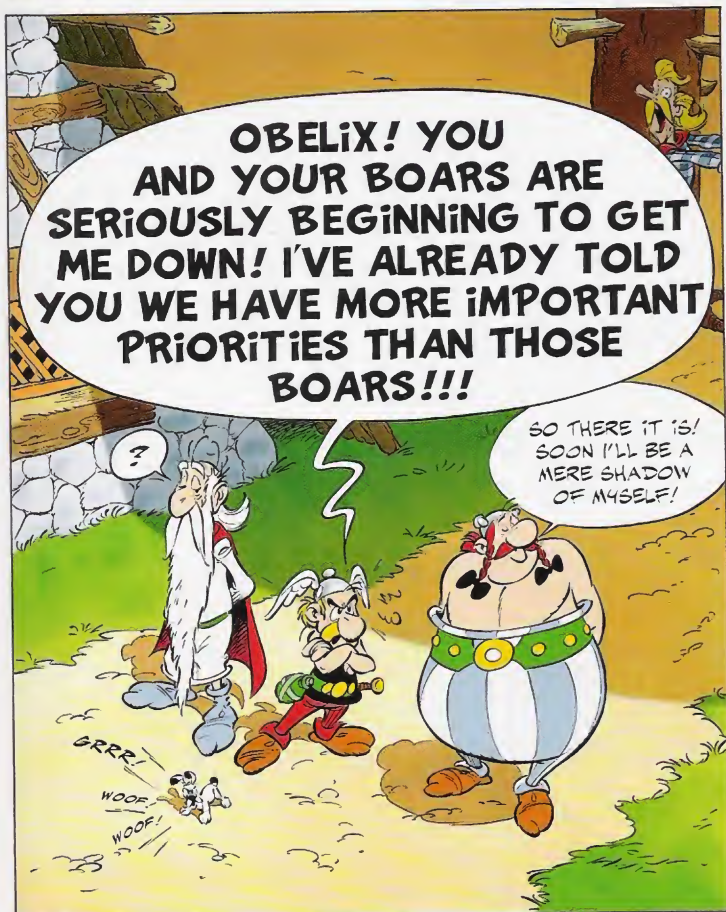
Respect, affection and shared interests united the two brothers.



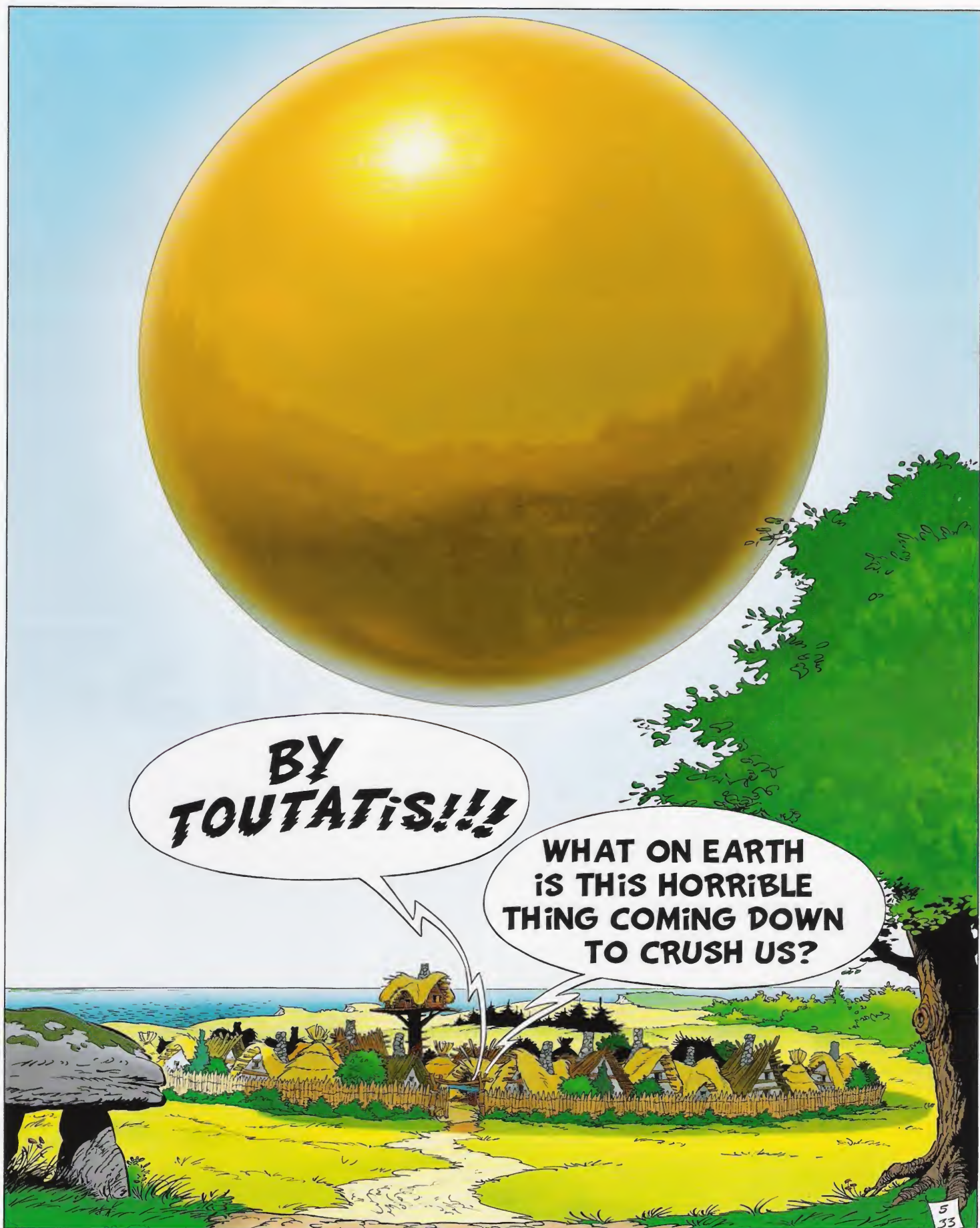


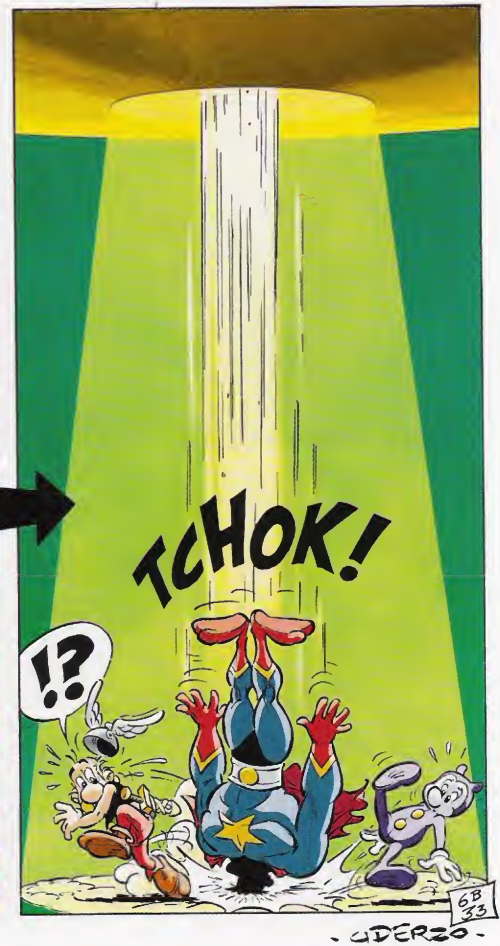
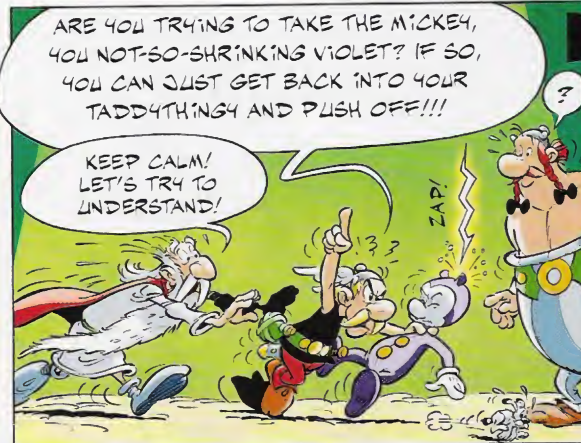
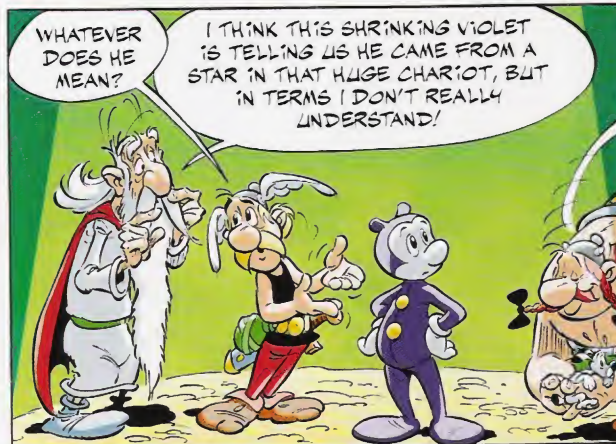
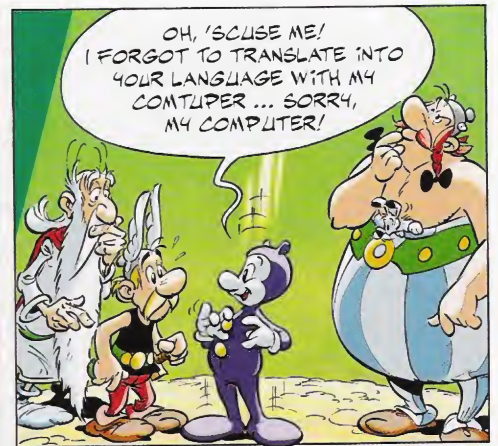
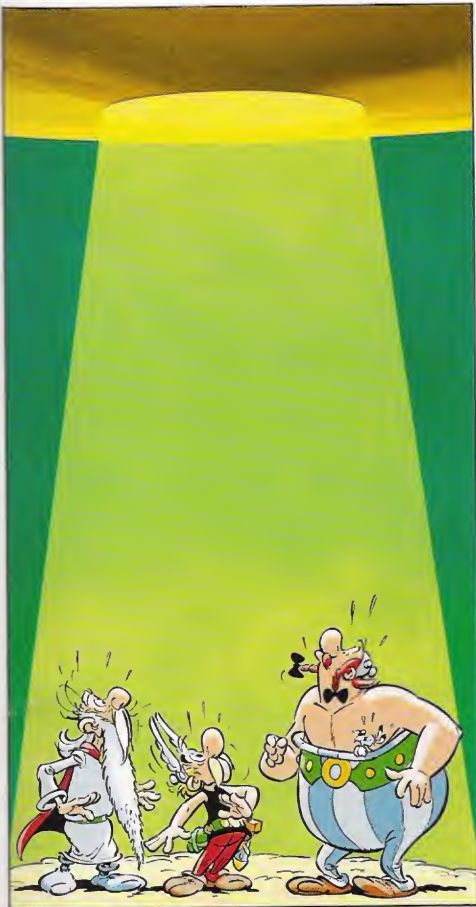
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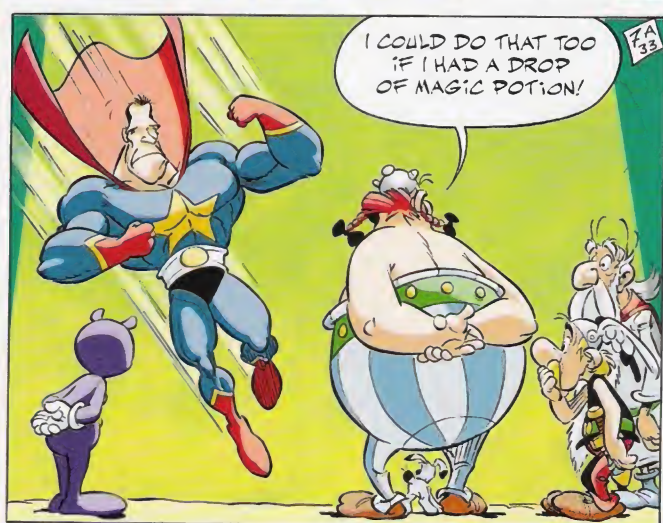
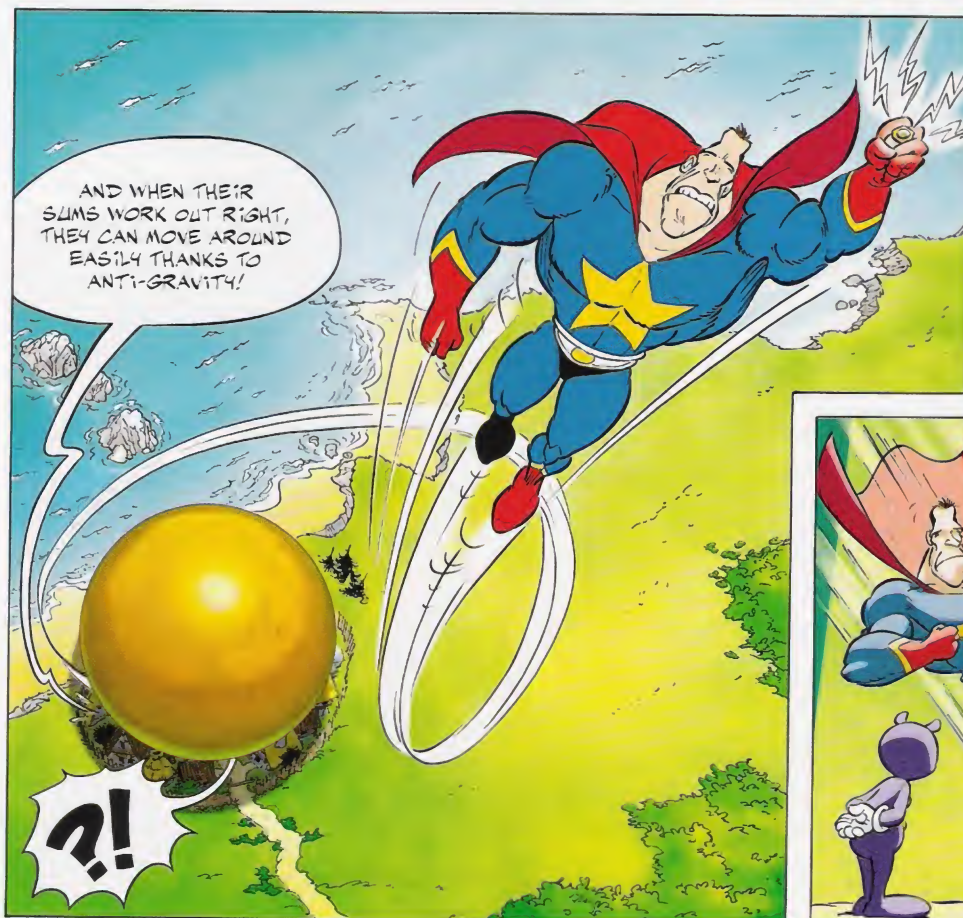
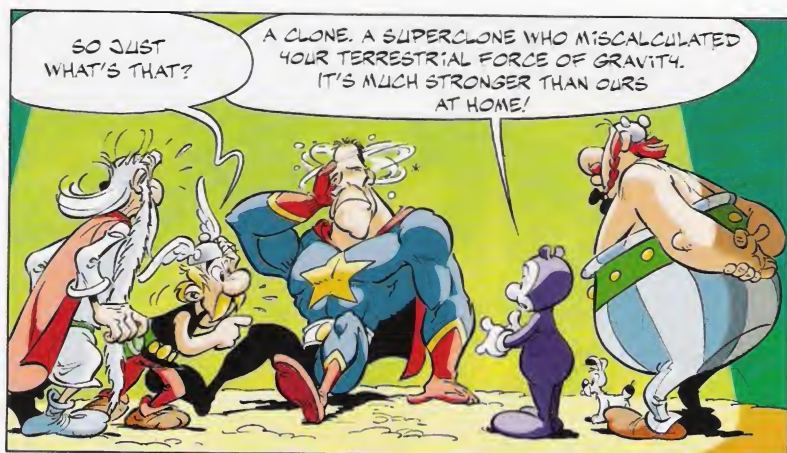


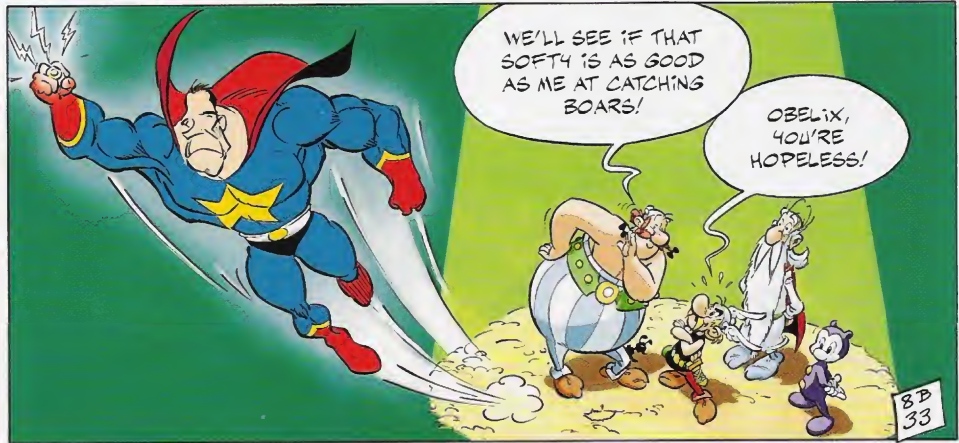
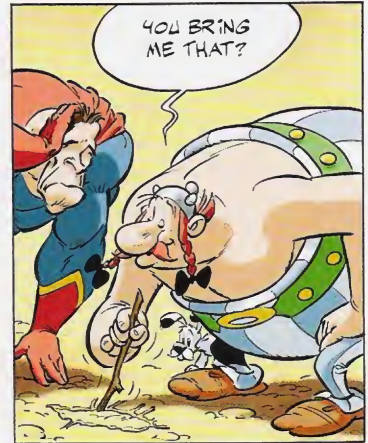
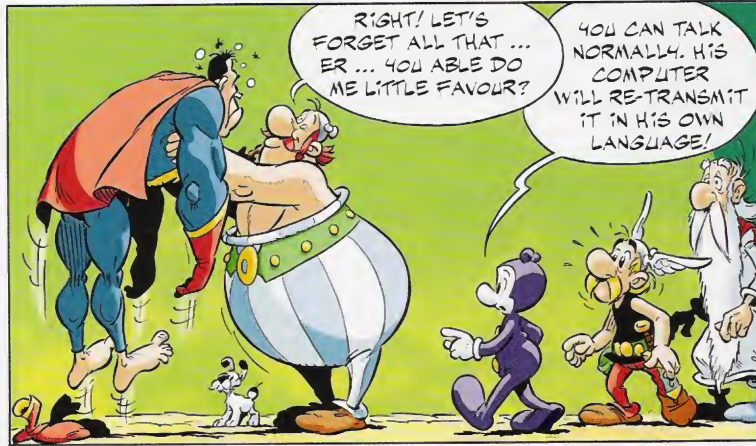
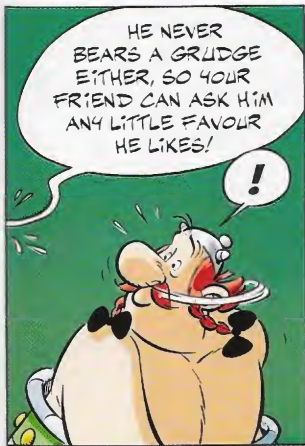
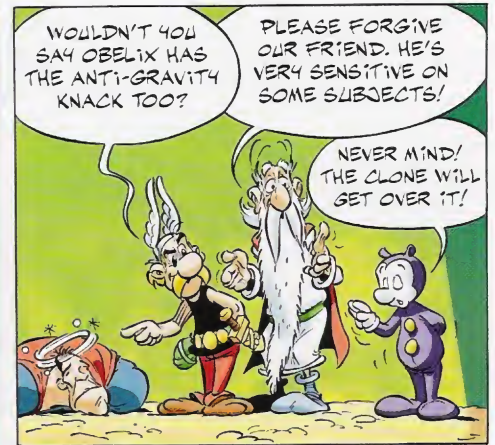
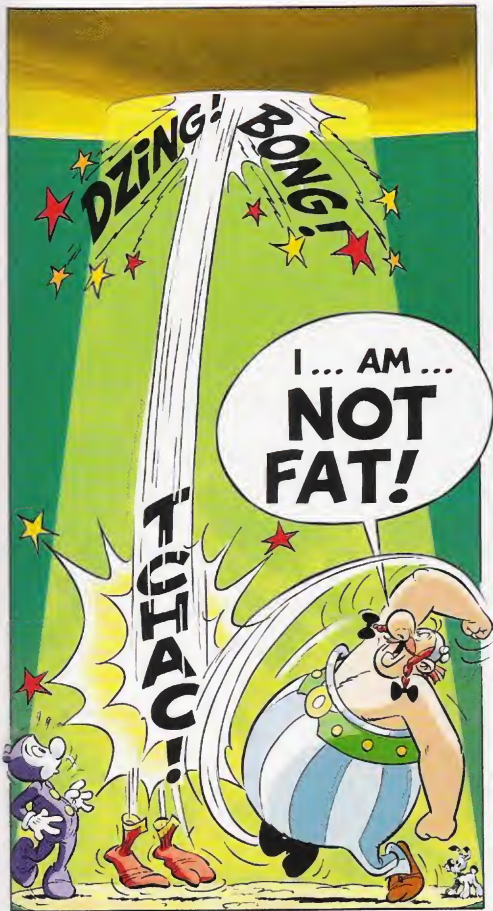


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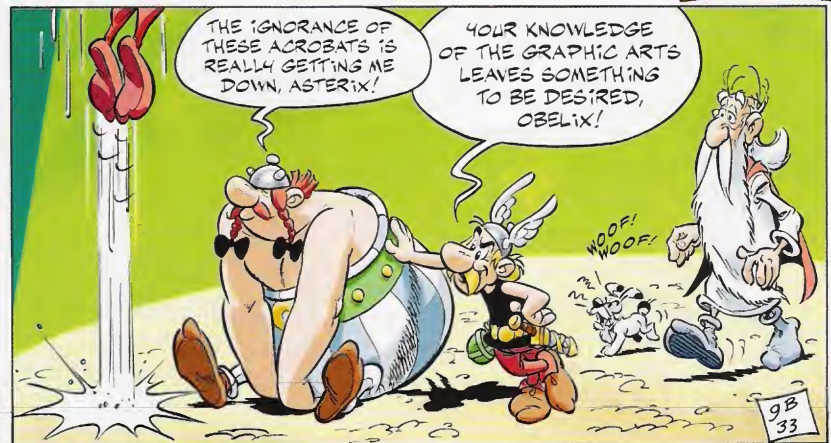
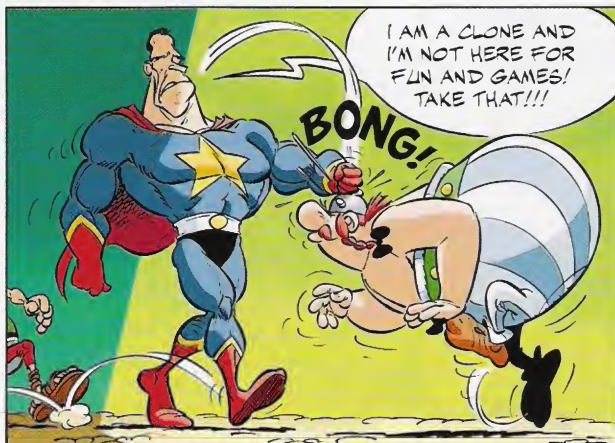
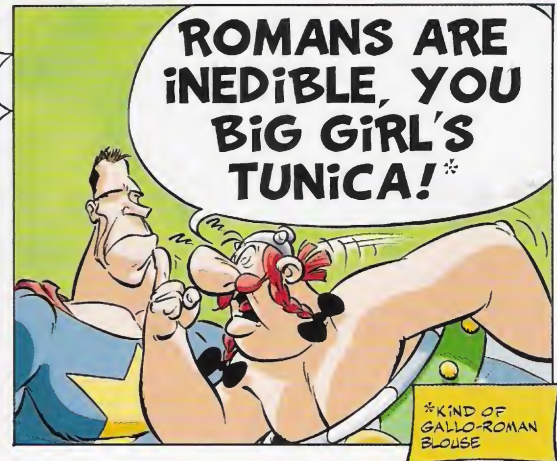
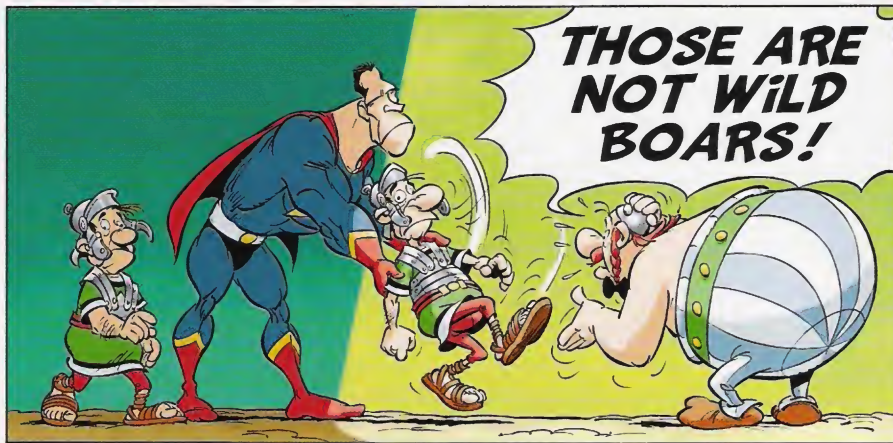
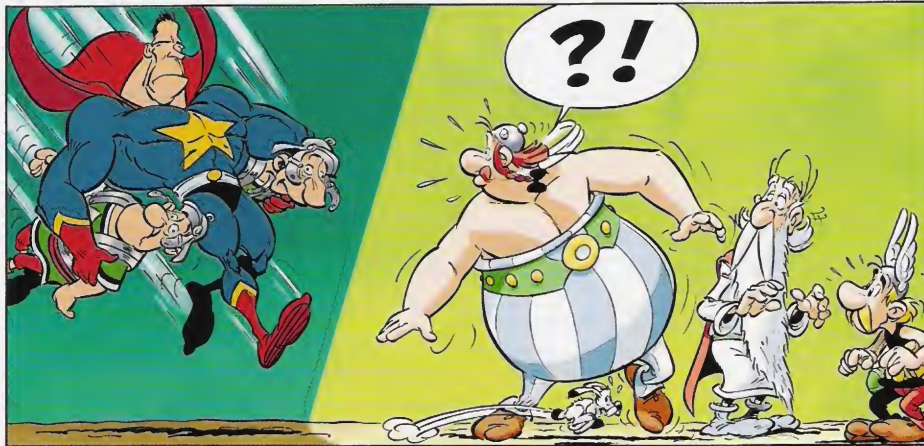
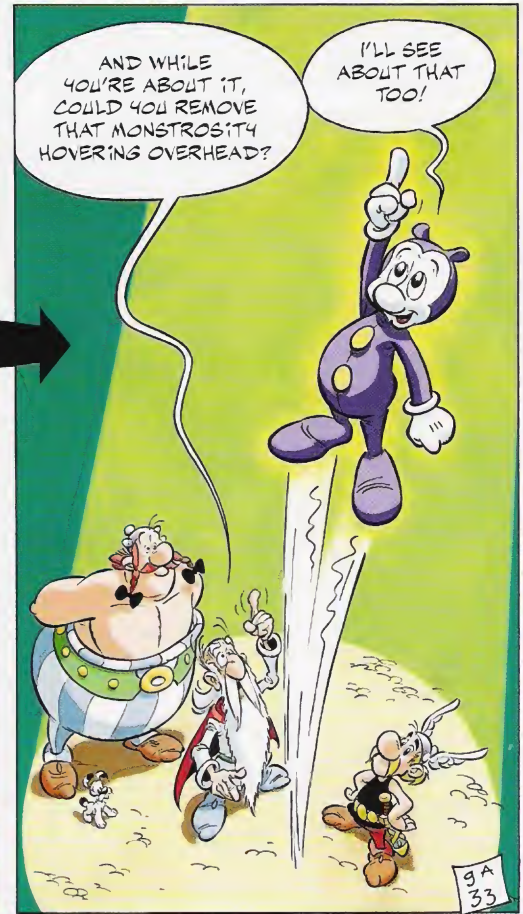
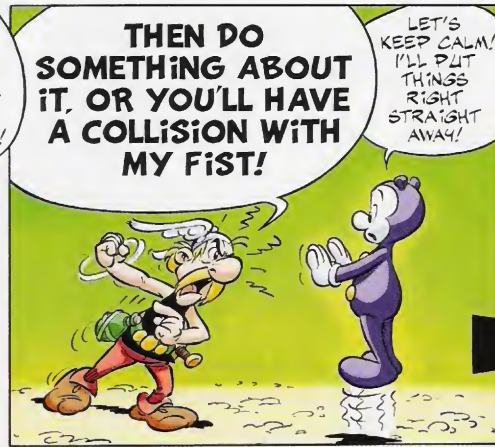
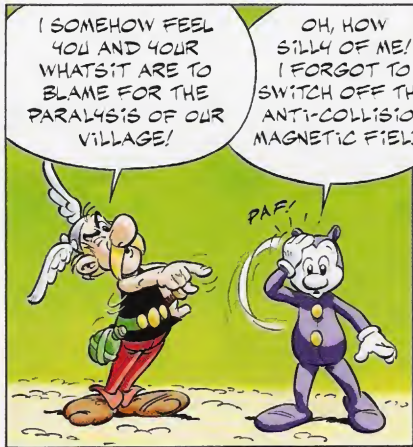


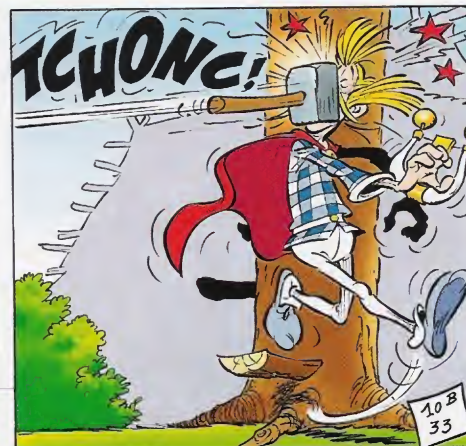
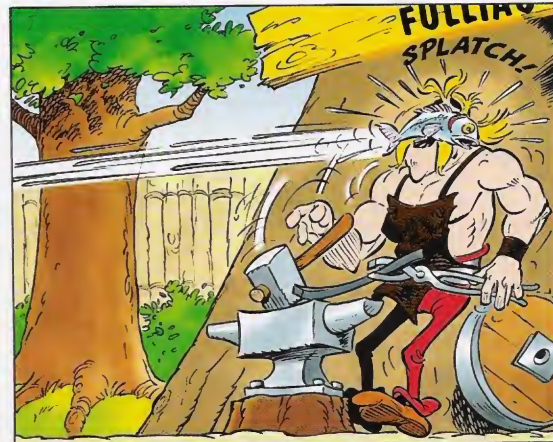
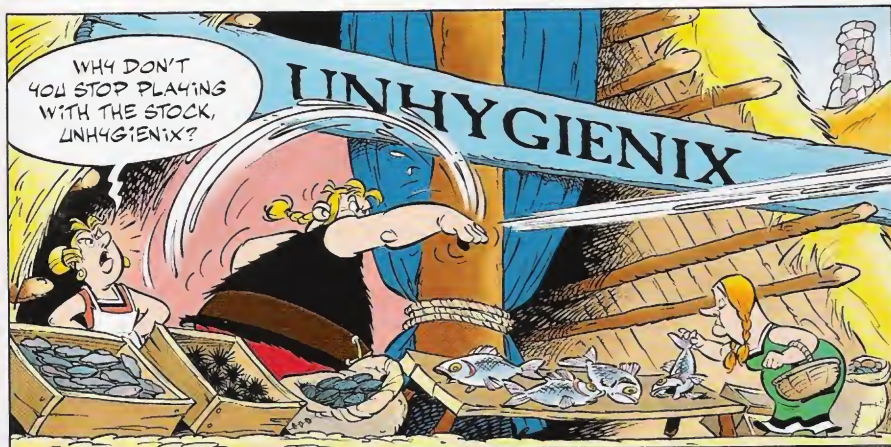


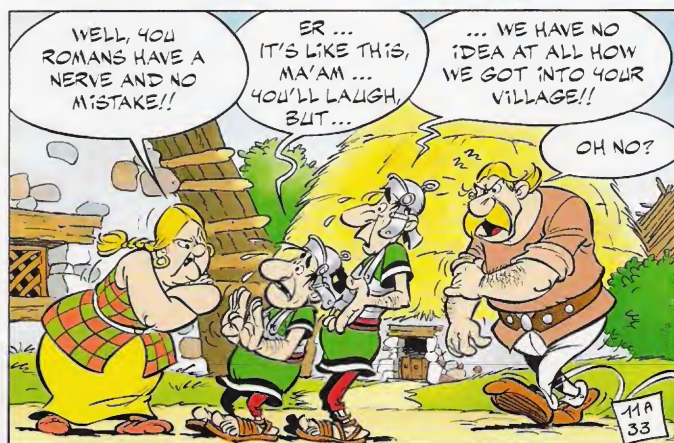
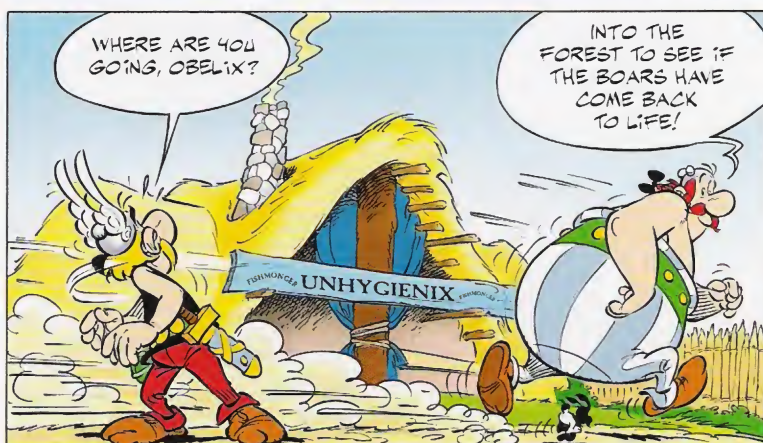
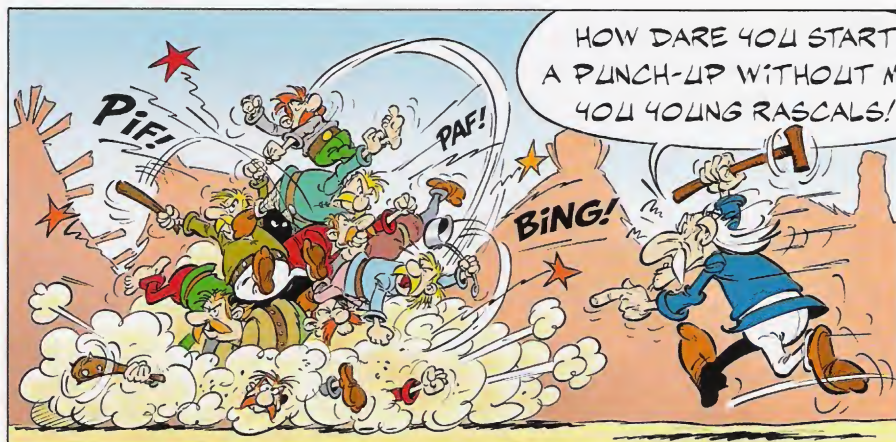


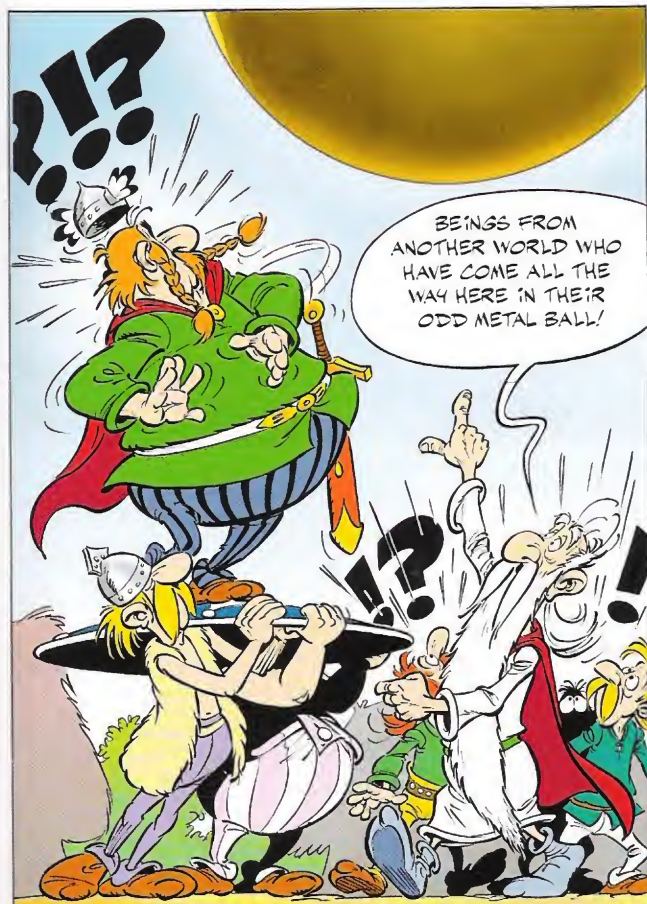
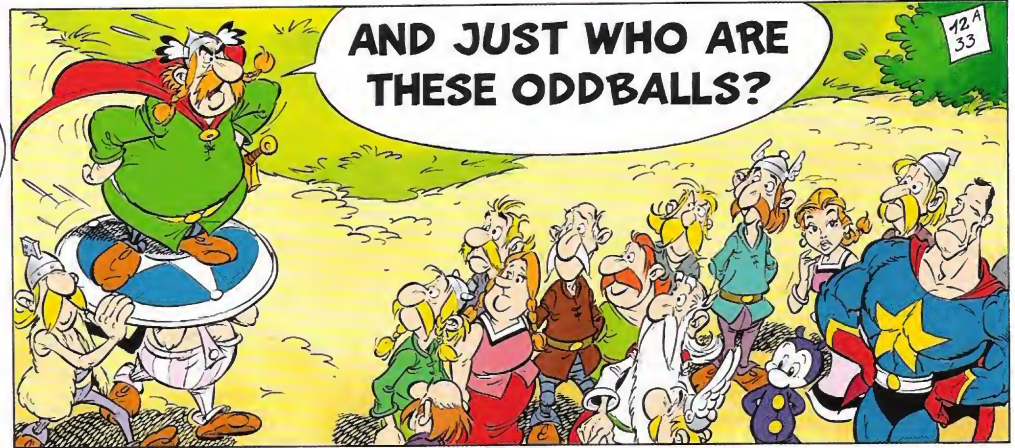
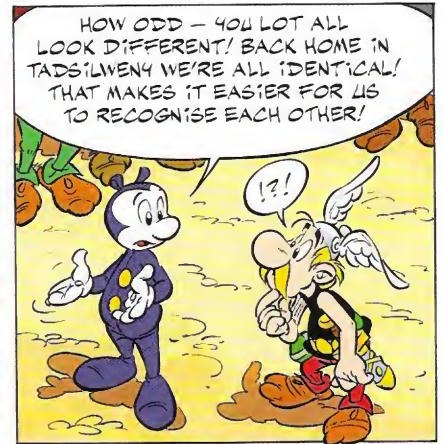


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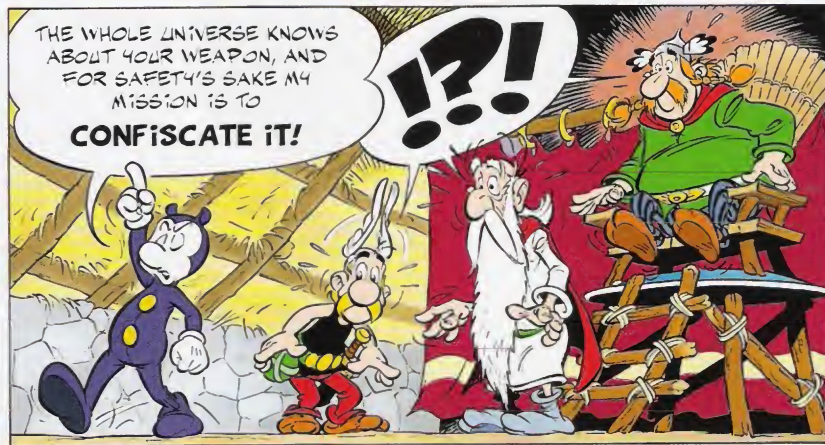
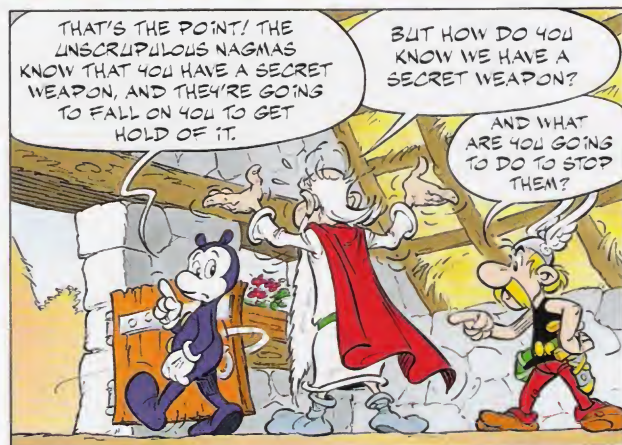
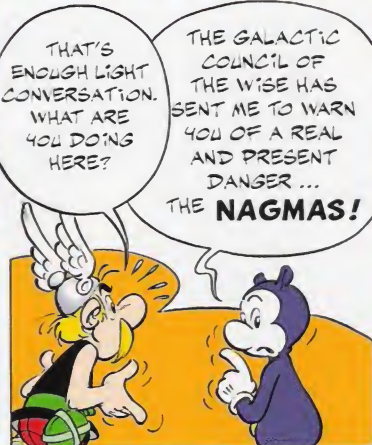
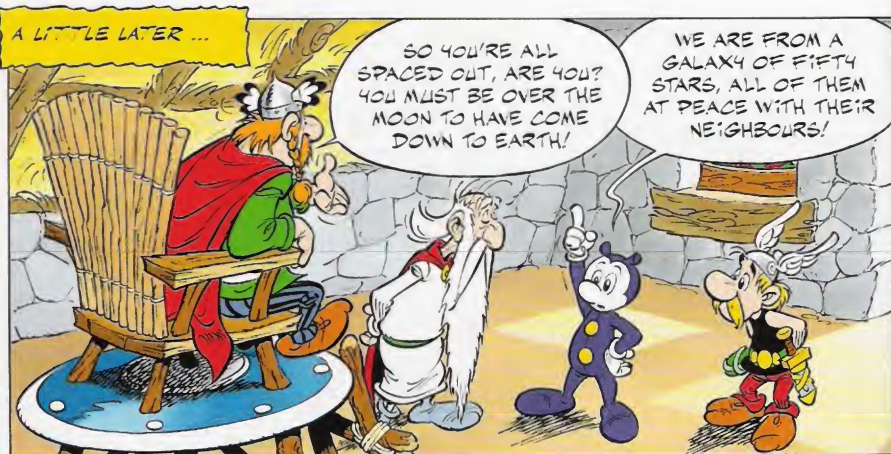
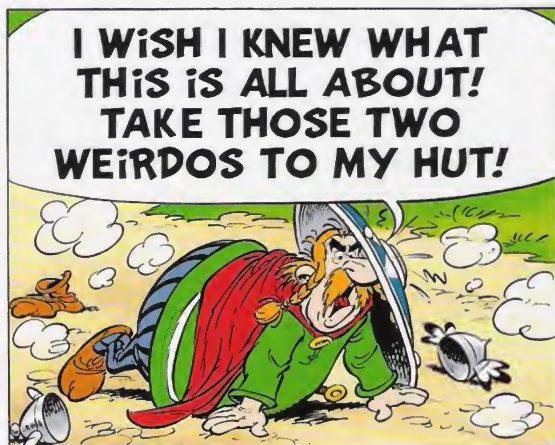


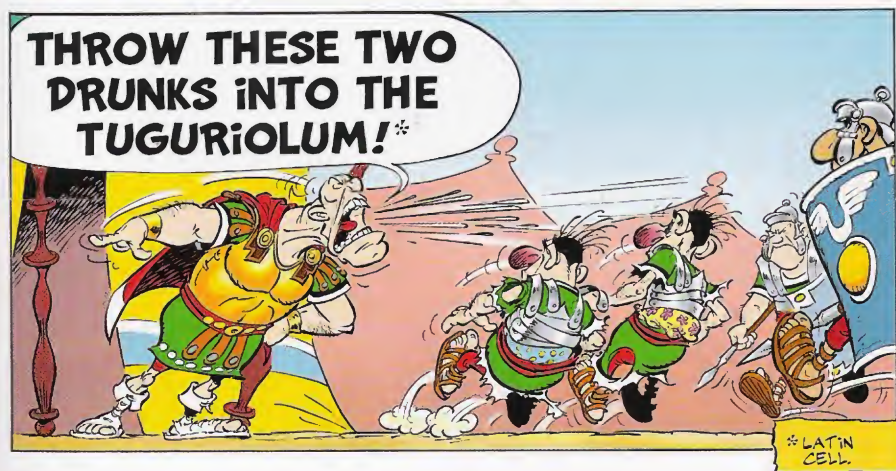
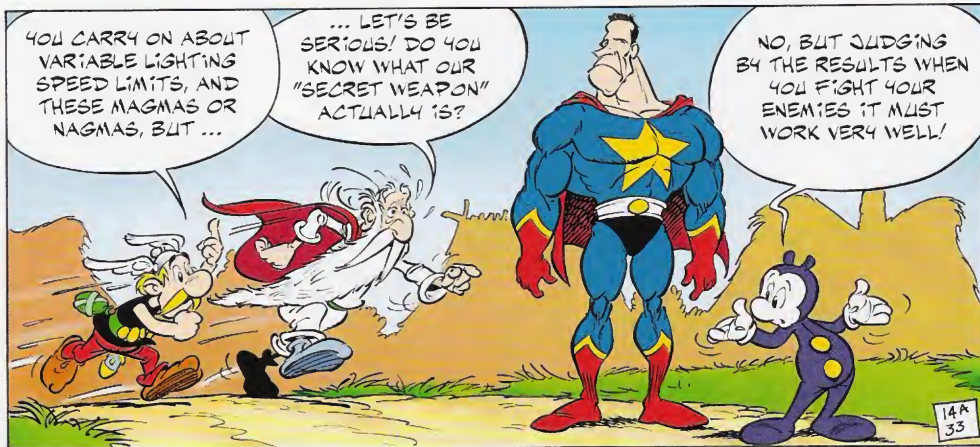
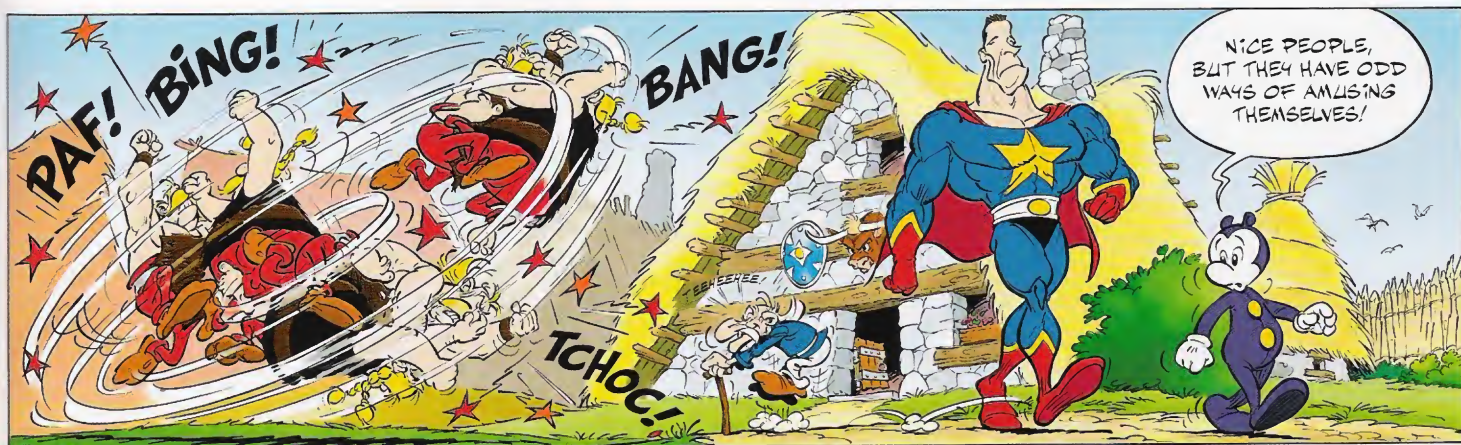




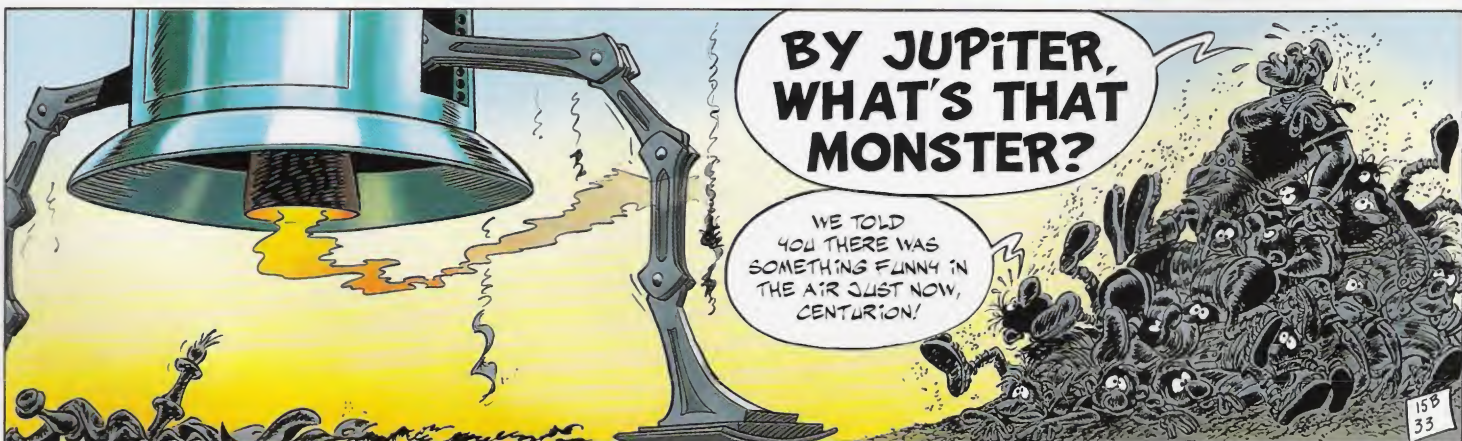


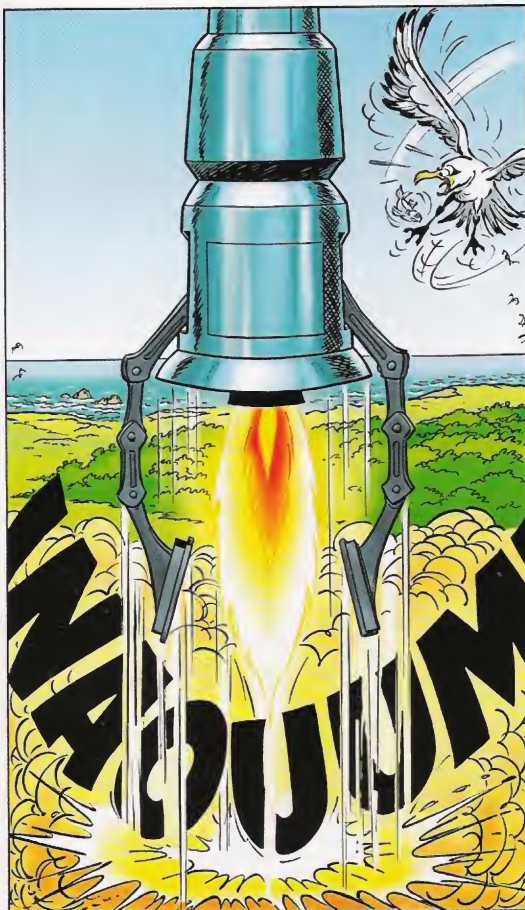
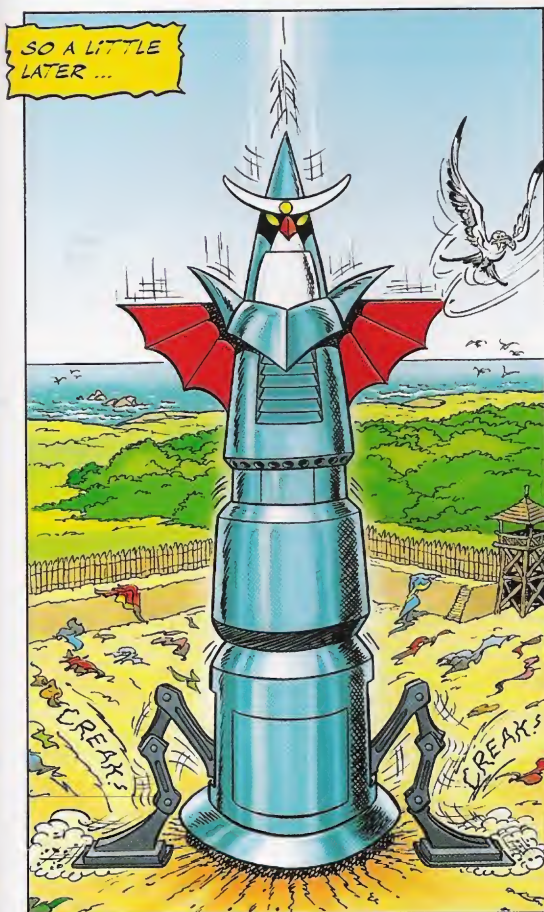
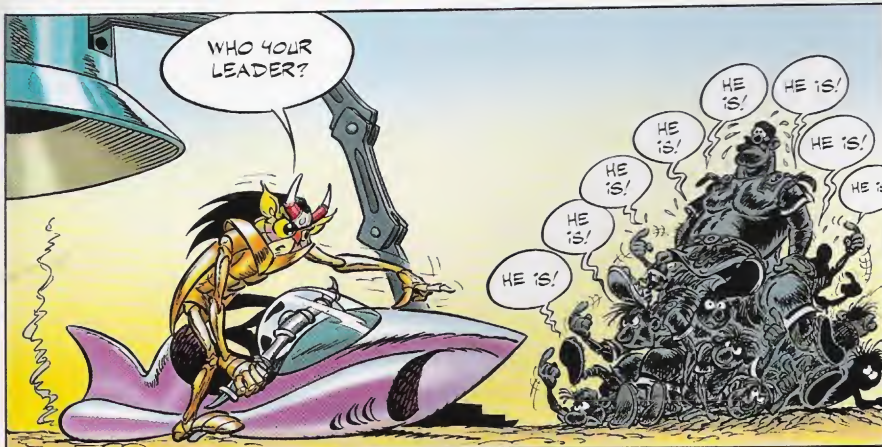
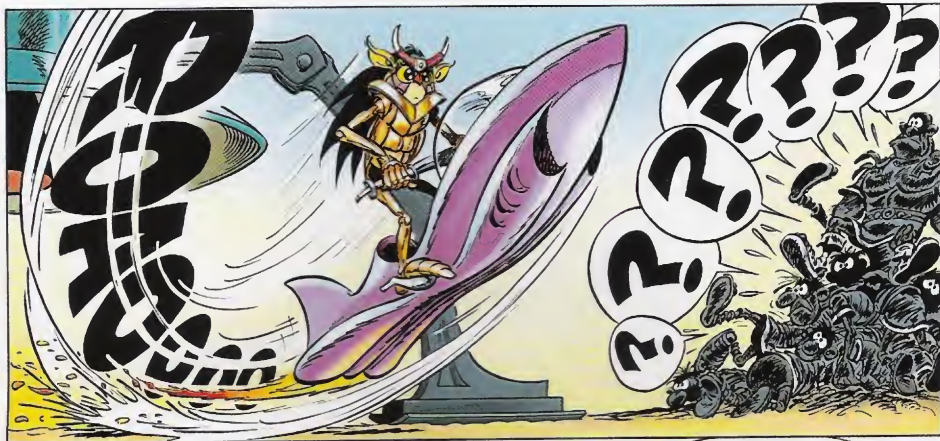
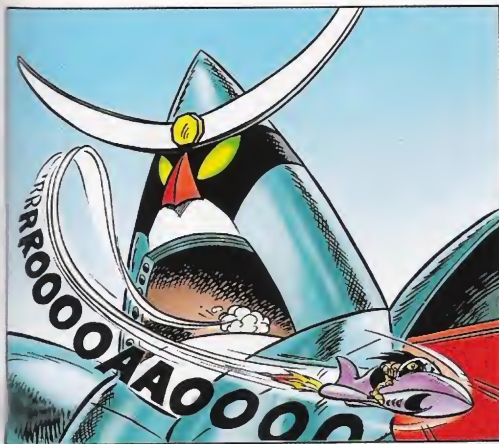
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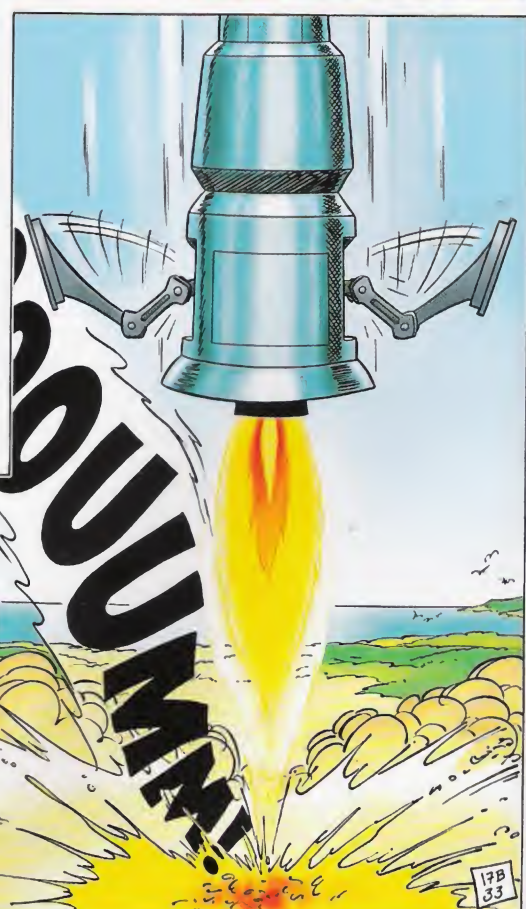
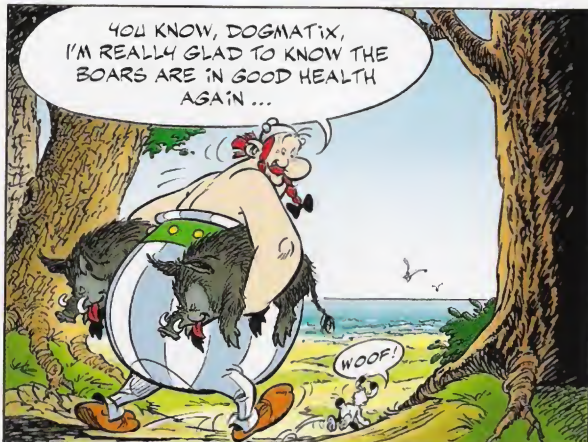
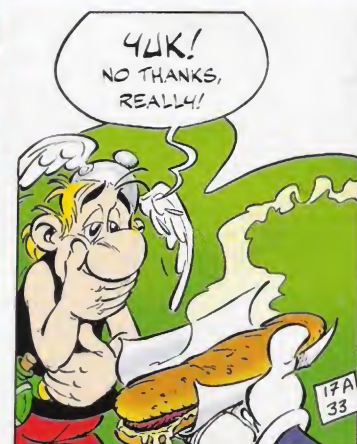
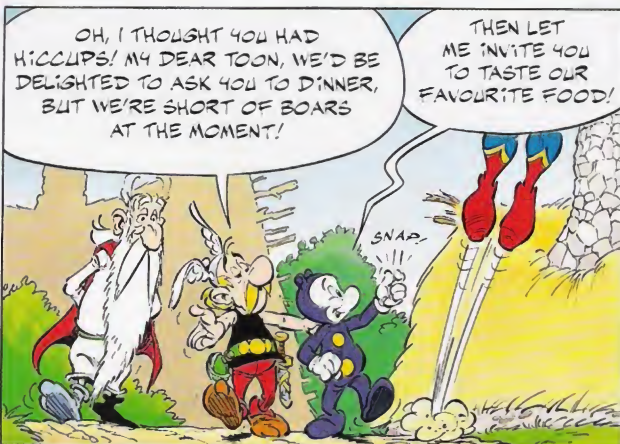
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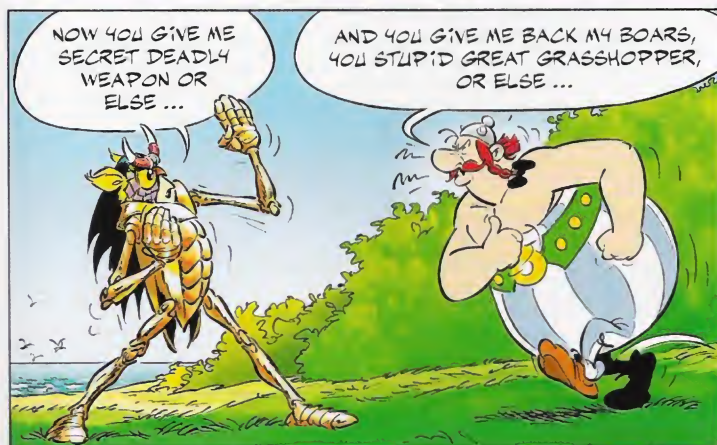
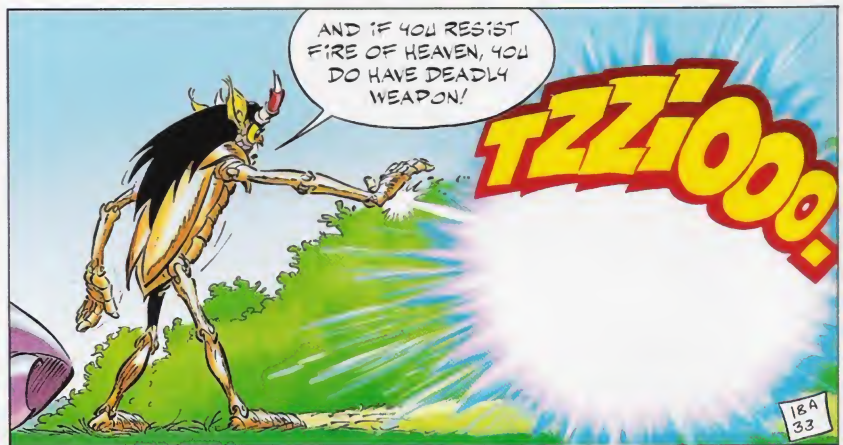
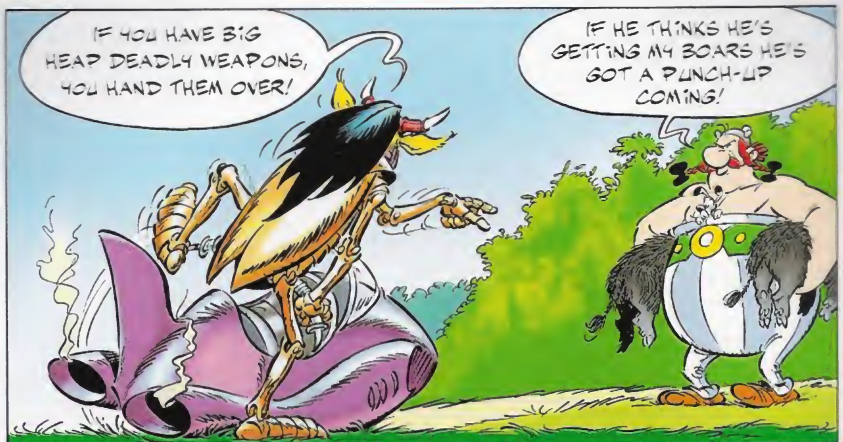


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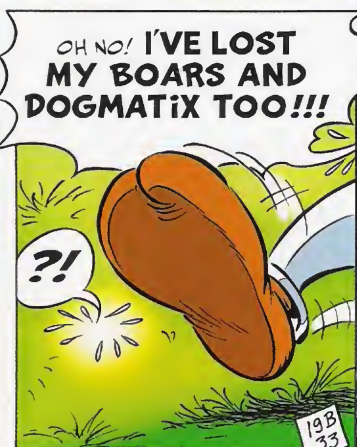
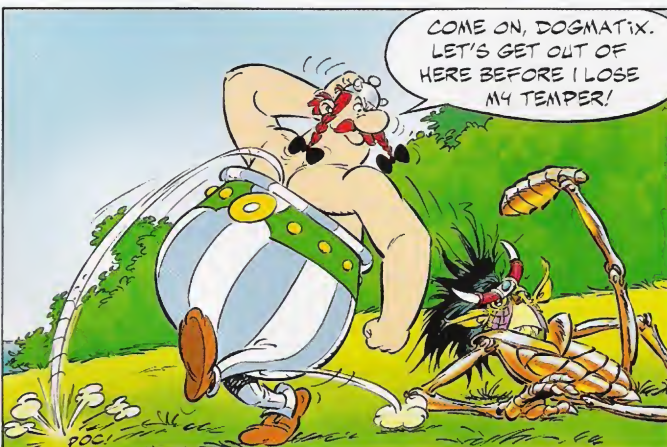
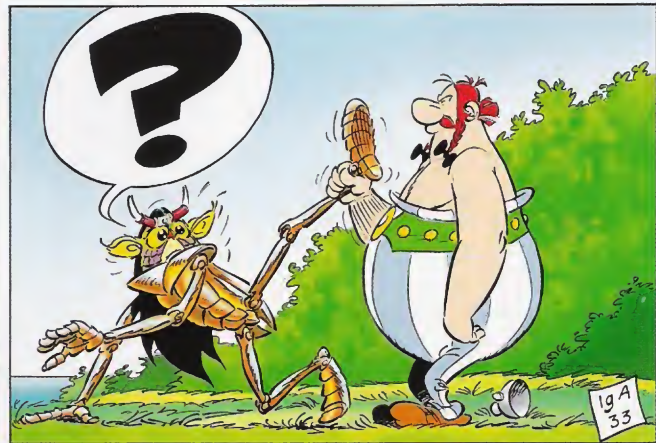
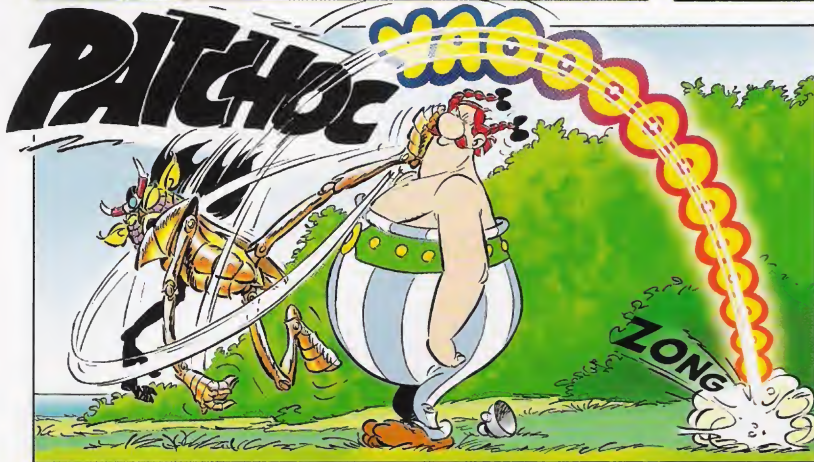
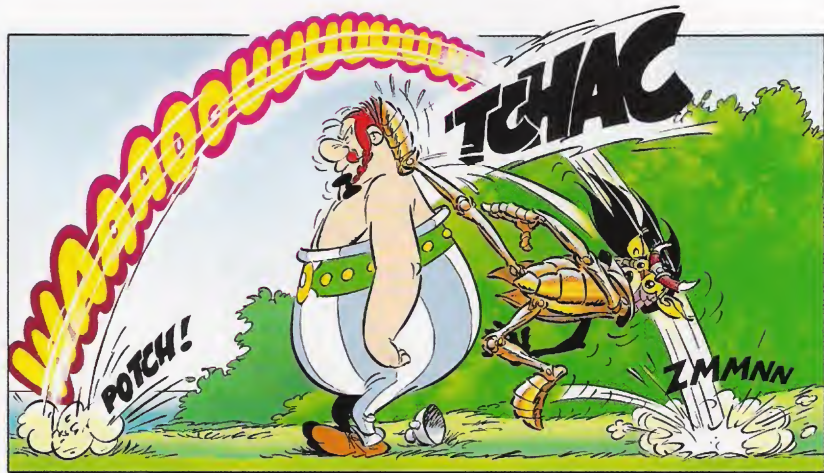
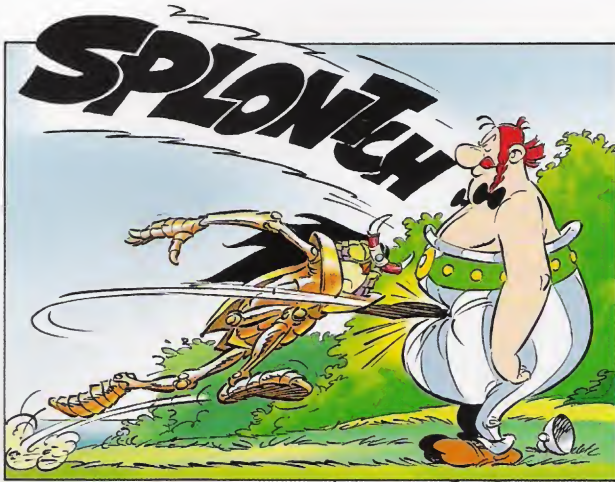
MEANWHILE, IN THE GAULISH VILLAGE ...



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IN ASTERIX'S HUT ...

HOW EXACTLY ARE YOU AND THE NAGMAS DIFFERENT?

THE NAGMAS ARE ENVOUS AND VINDICTIVE! THEY COPY US, BUT THEIR SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE LAGS BEHIND OURS!

SO THEY NEED TO GET HOLD OF SECRET WEAPONS DEVELOPED BY PRIMITIVE PEOPLE LIKE US!

**ASTERIX!
GETAFIX!**

LOOK WHAT SOME WEIRDO WENT AND DID TO DOGMATIX!

THAT'S THE WORK OF A NAGMA!

DOGMATIX? BUT WHERE IS HE?

HERE, BUT HE'S IN POOR SHAPE!

I NEARLY STOOD ON HIM AND CRUSHED HIM! DO SOMETHING, GETAFIX!

I'M AFRAID THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO, MY DEAR OBELIX!

JUDGING BY THE RESULTS, THE POTION HAD WORN OFF HIM.

WOOF!
WOOF!

MOVE ASIDE. I MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING!

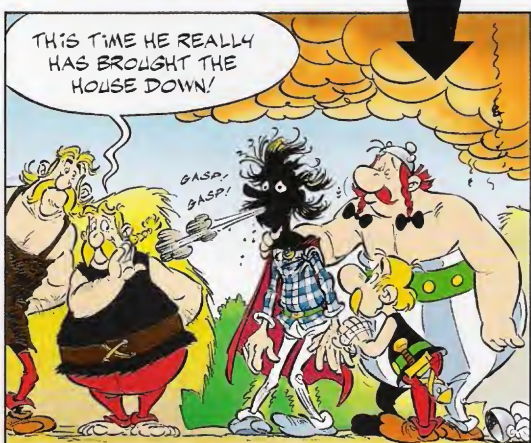
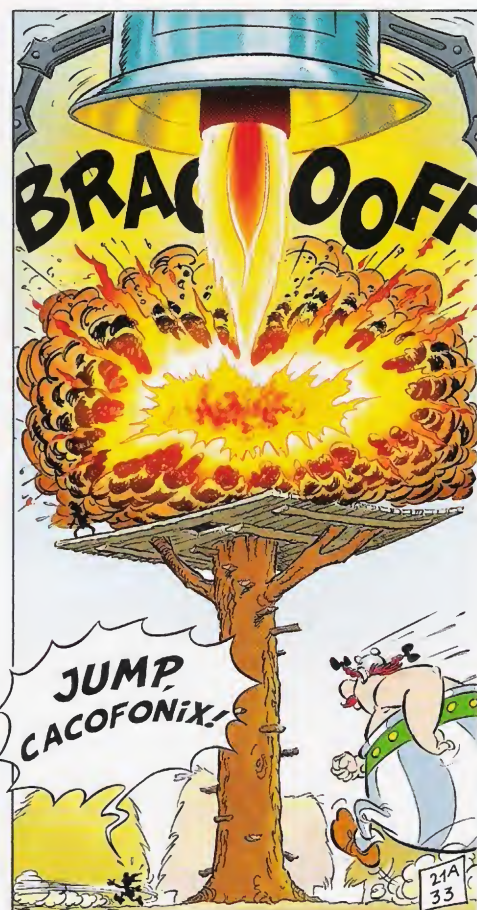
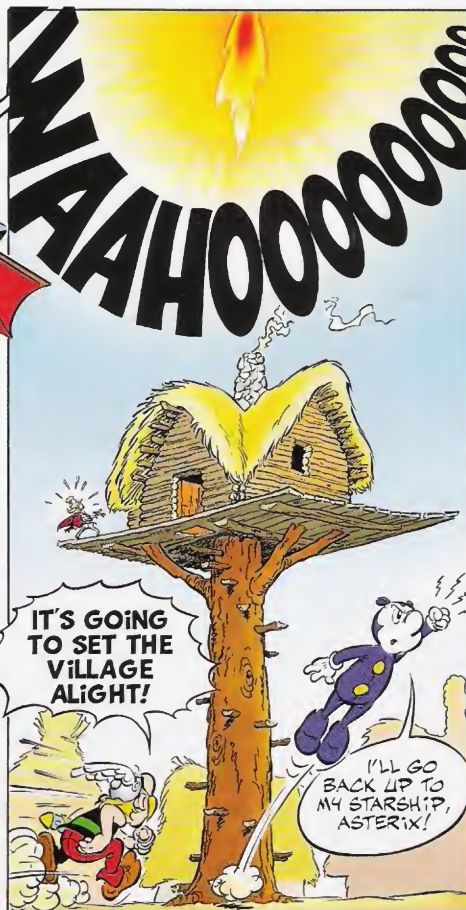
HE'S BACK IN GOOD SHAPE! THANKS, SHRINKING VIOLET!

LUCKILY WE CAN COUNTER ALL THEIR WEAPONS - JUST AS THEY CAN COUNTER OURS. THAT'S THE PROBLEM!!

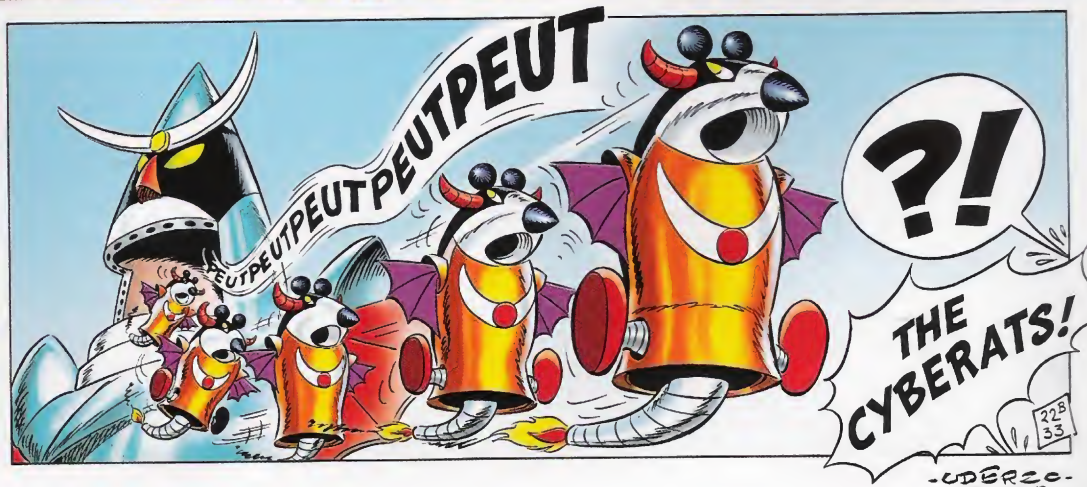
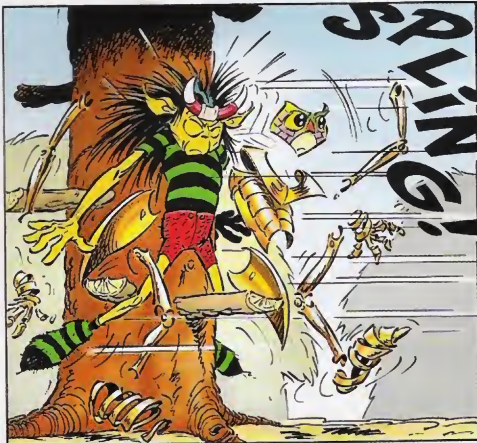
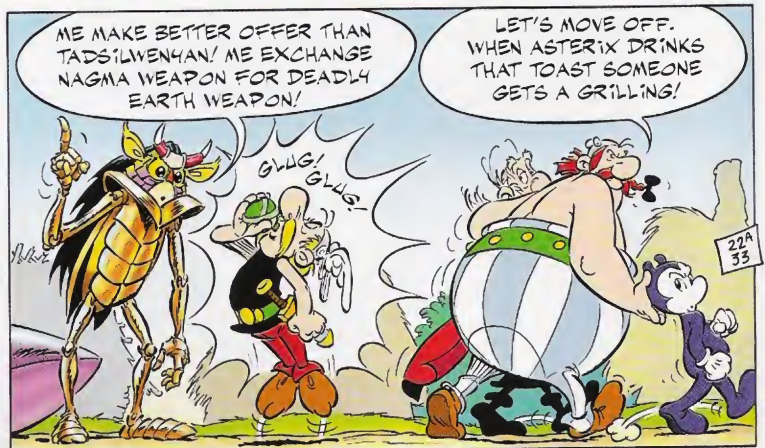
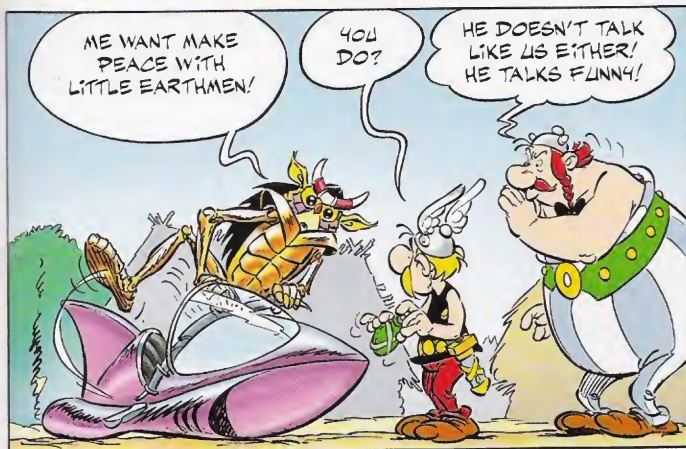
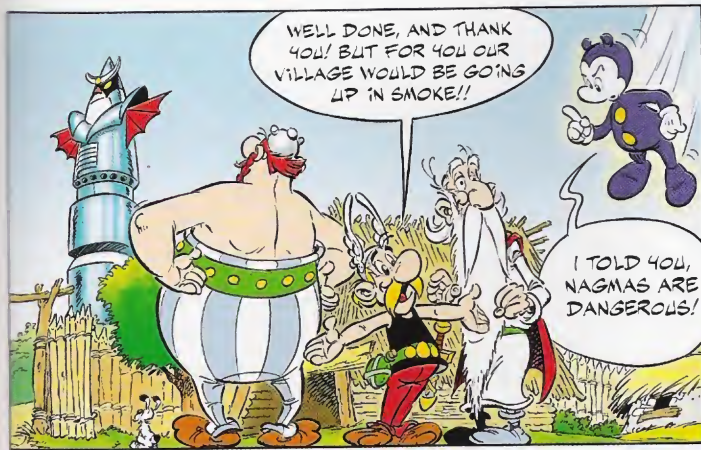
JUST BETWEEN US, COULD YOU BRING MY BOARDS BACK?

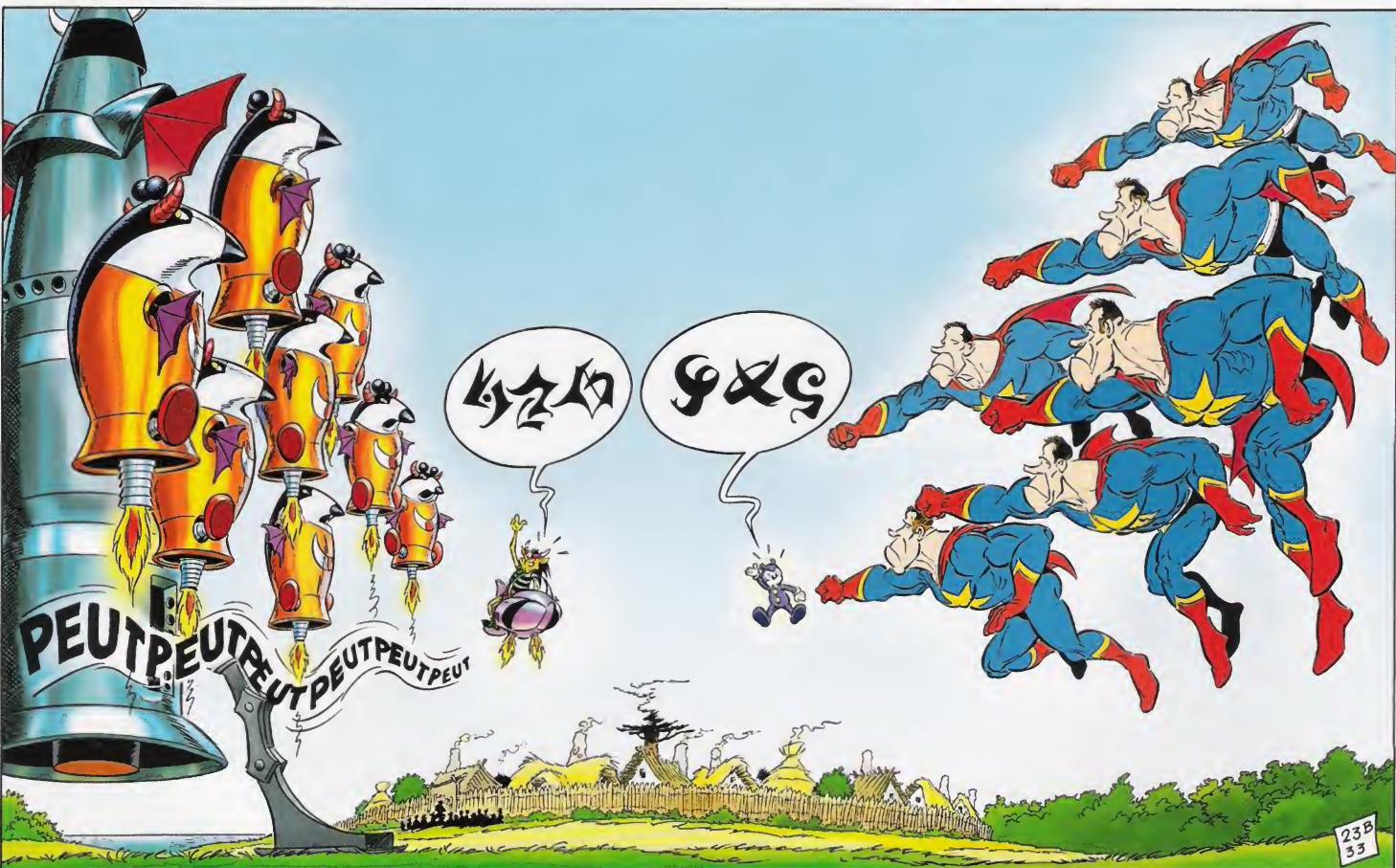
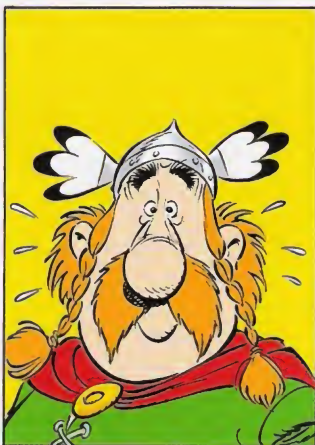
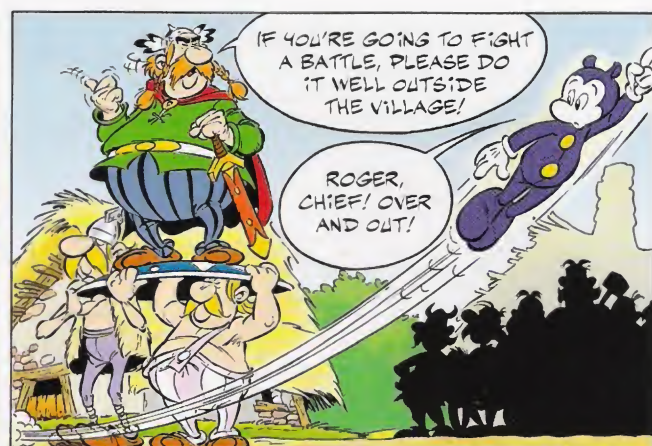
WATCH OUT!! A STRANGE FLYING OBJECT IS MAKING FOR THE VILLAGE!!!

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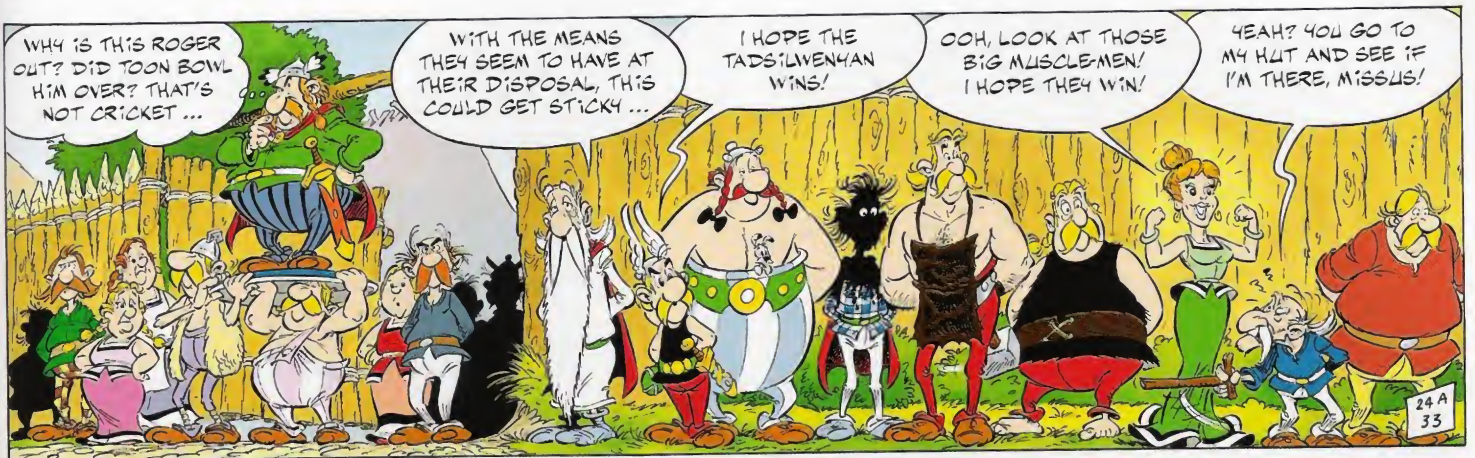


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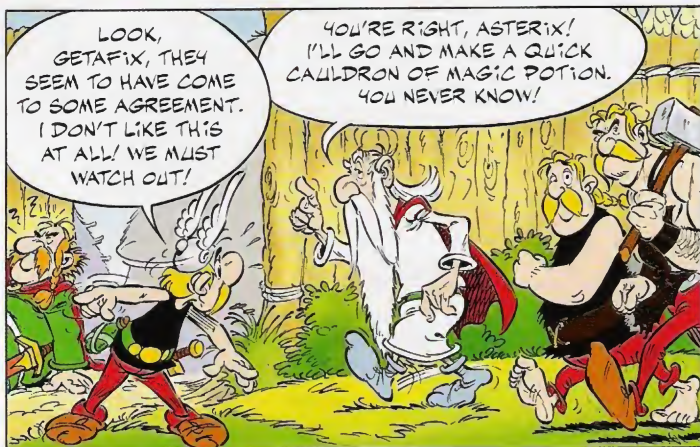
THAT'S FUNNY ...
THEY'VE ALREADY
STOPPED FIGHTING!



BATTLE NO USE! EVENLY
MATCHED! WE NEED FIND
SOLUTION!

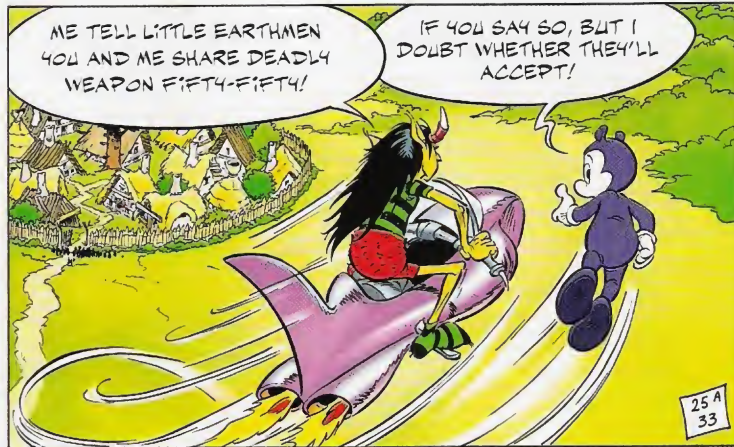


YOU'RE RIGHT,
NAGMA! HOW DO YOU
SUGGEST WE RESTORE
PEACE?



LOOK,
GETAFIX, THEY
SEEM TO HAVE COME
TO SOME AGREEMENT.
I DON'T LIKE THIS
AT ALL! WE MUST
WATCH OUT!

YOU'RE RIGHT, ASTERIX!
I'LL GO AND MAKE A QUICK
CAULDRON OF MAGIC POTION.
YOU NEVER KNOW!



ME TELL LITTLE EARTHMEN
YOU AND ME SHARE DEADLY
WEAPON FIFTY-FIFTY!

IF YOU SAY SO, BUT I
DOUBT WHETHER THEY'LL
ACCEPT!



O CHIEF,
WE MUST PREPARE
FOR THE WORST!

I'VE JUST HAD IT!
THOSE TWO FOOLS LET
ME DOWN AGAIN!



ME MAKE
PEACE WITH
TADS'LVENYAN...

... BUT IT'S YOU
WHO CAN HELP US
DO THE DEAL.

I'VE AN IDEA
YOU'RE ABOUT TO
START ON ABOUT THE
SECRET WEAPON
AGAIN!



THAT RIGHT! YOU GIVE SECRET
WEAPON, WE SHARE FIFTY-FIFTY,
WE GO BACK TO STARS!

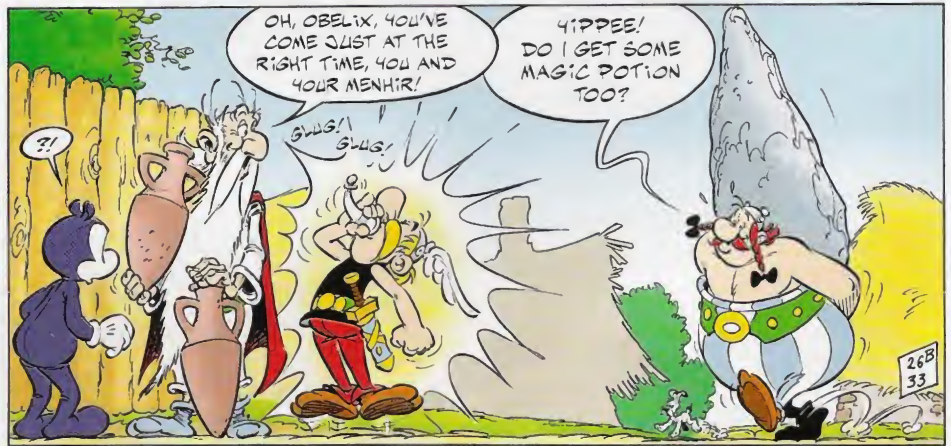
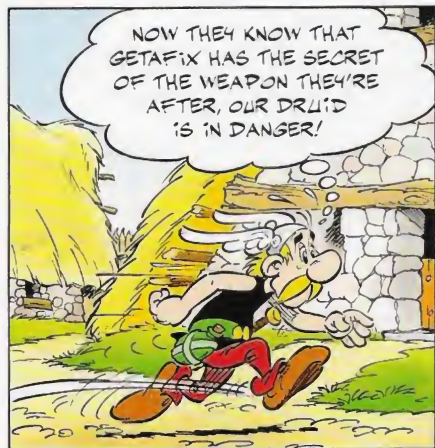
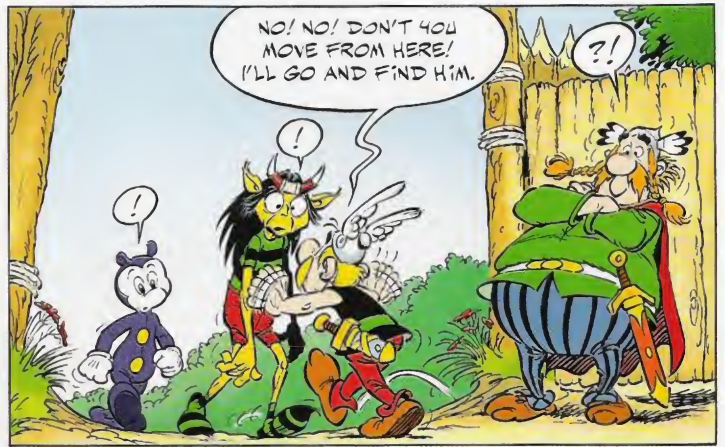
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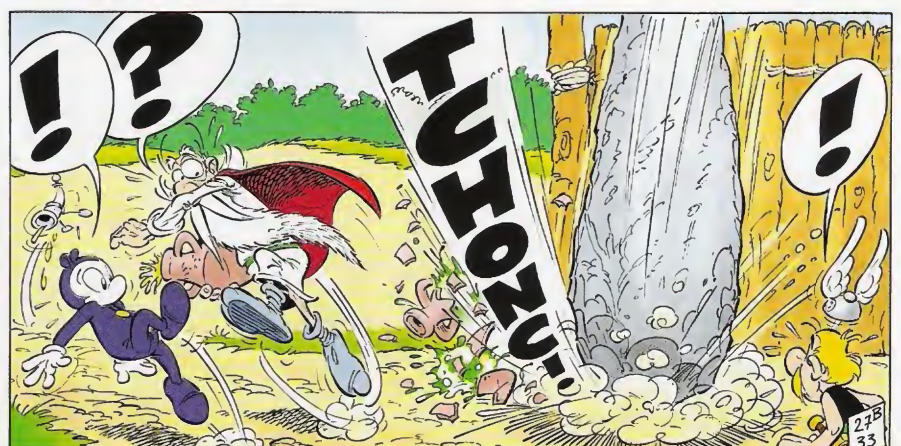
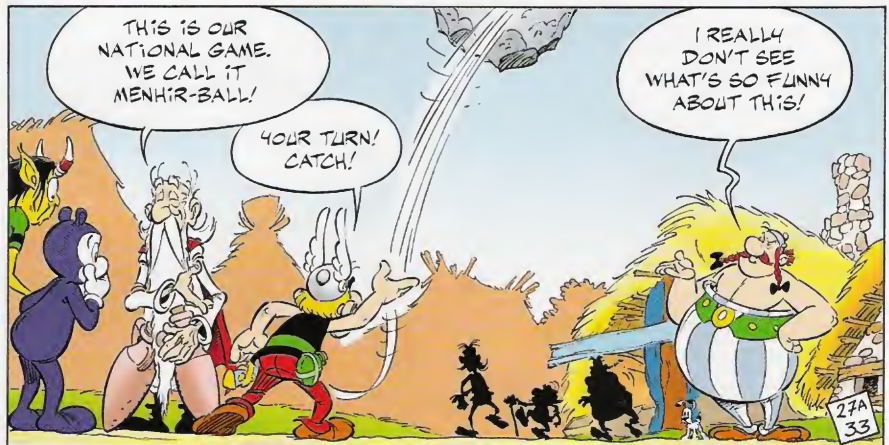
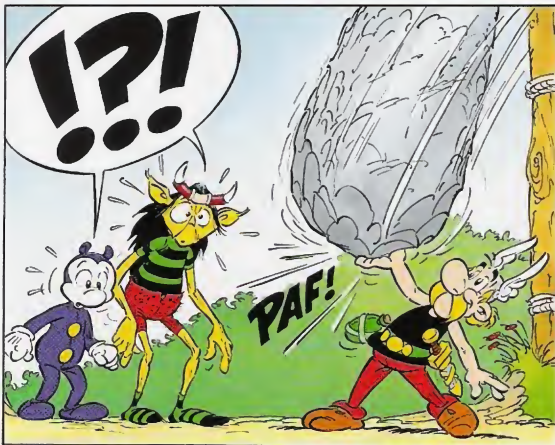
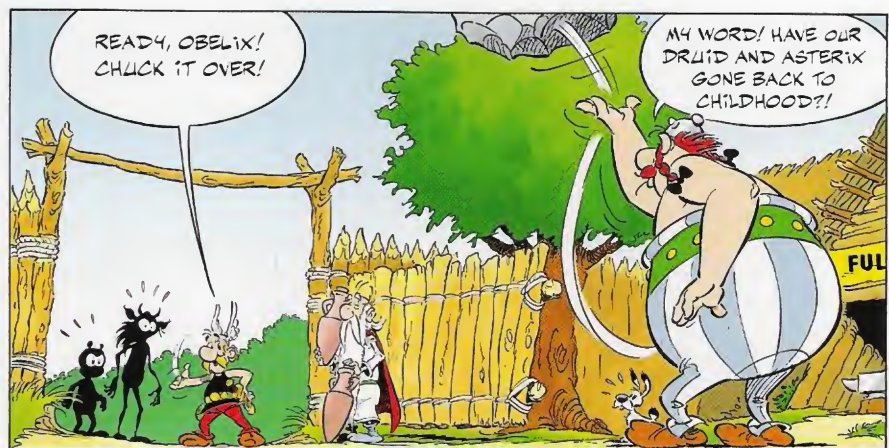


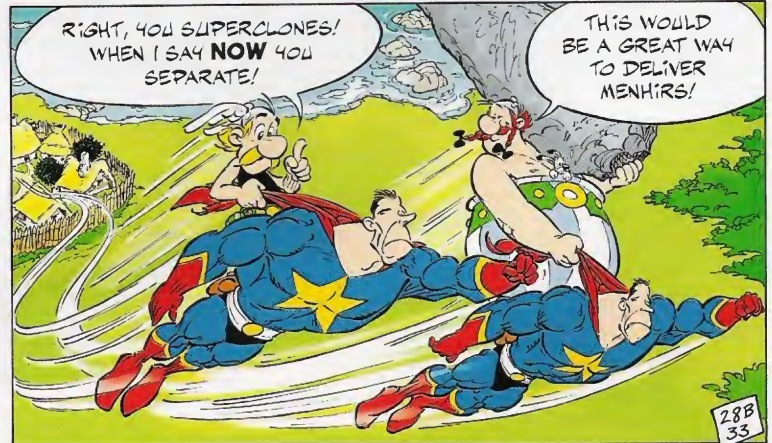
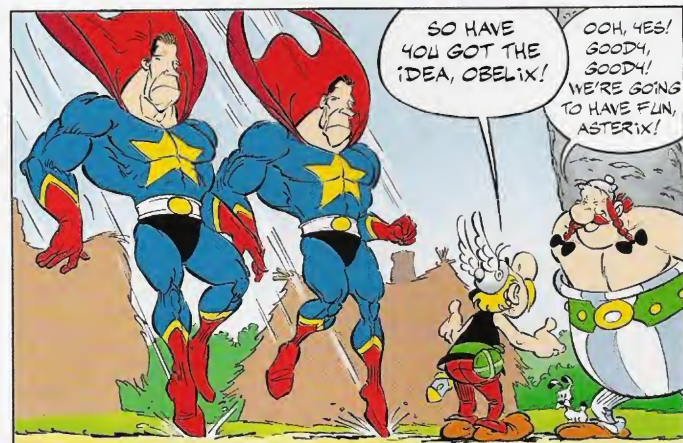
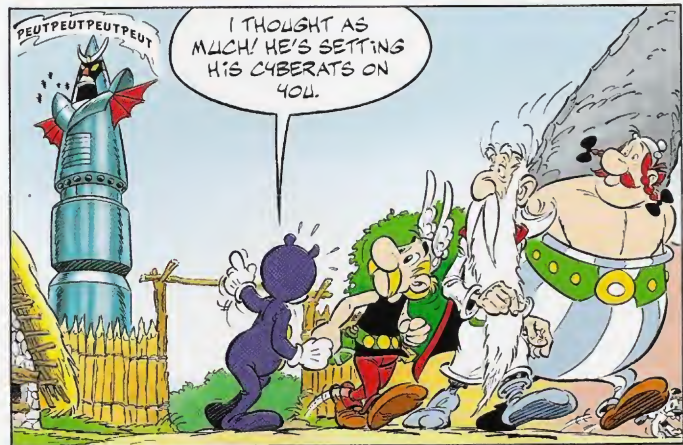
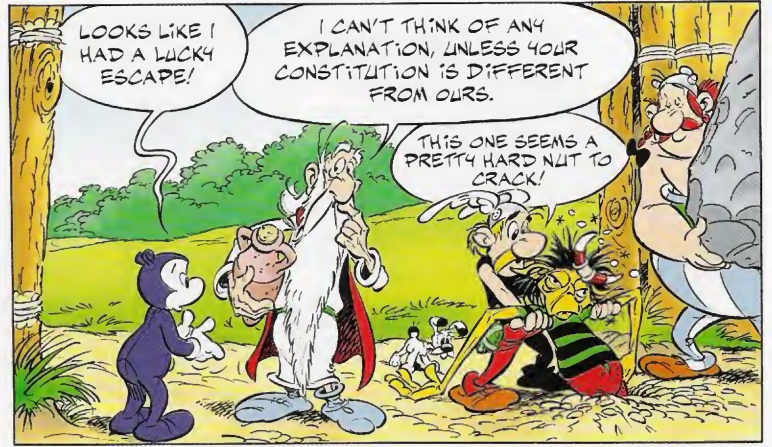
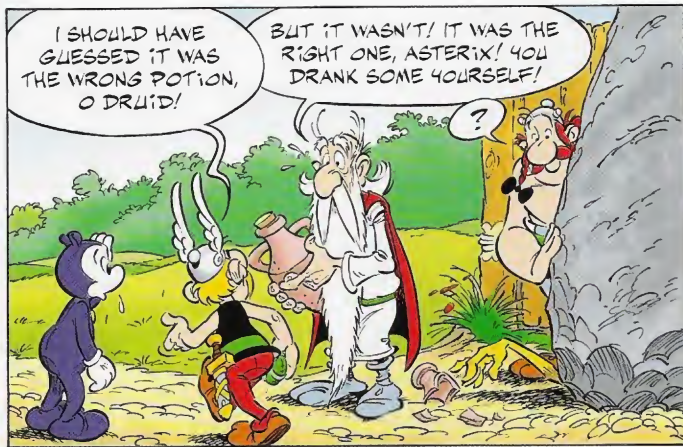
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OF THE MAGIC POTION, SO GET OUT
OF HERE AND LEAVE US IN PEACE!!!**

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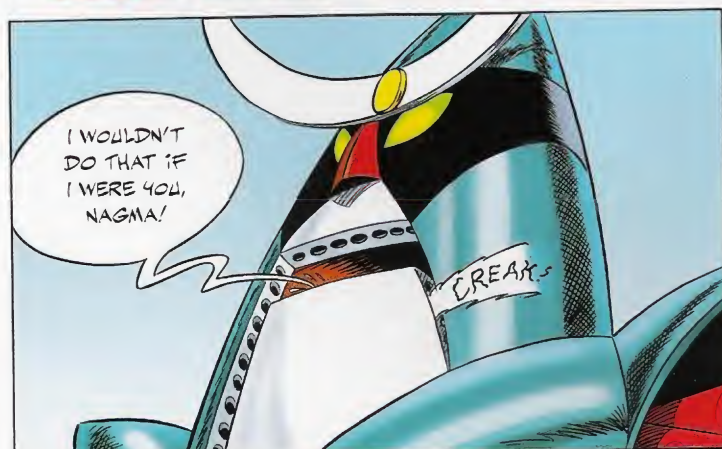
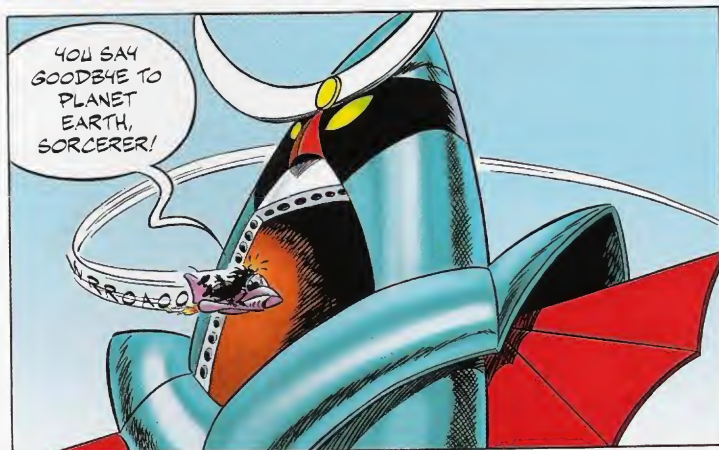
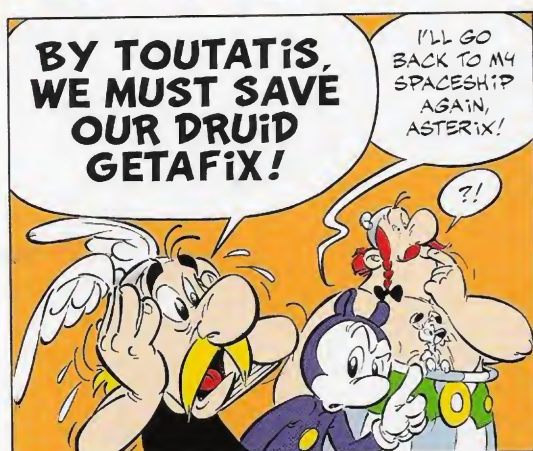




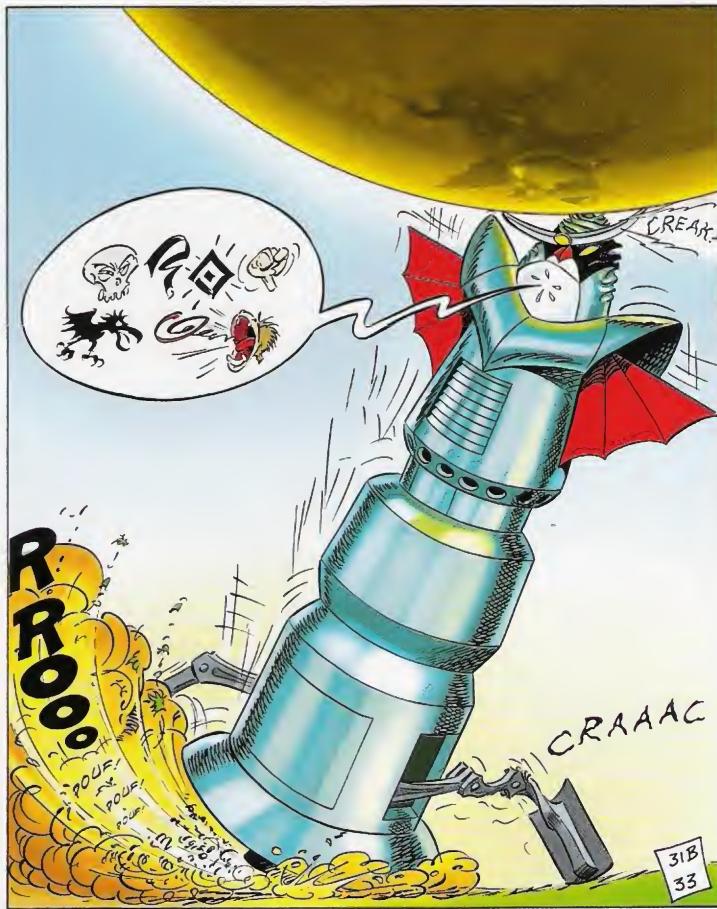
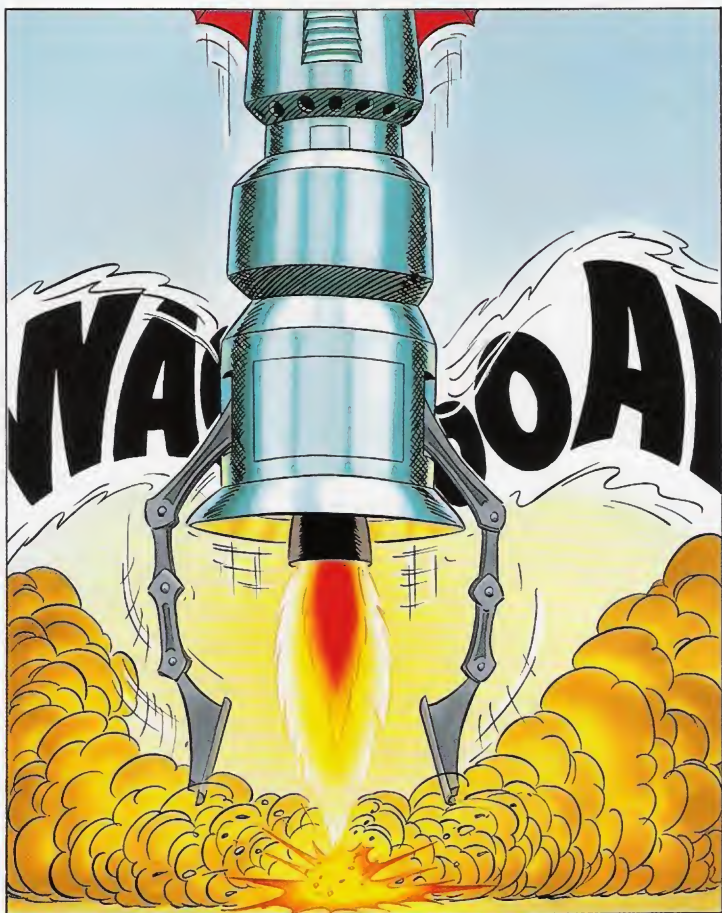




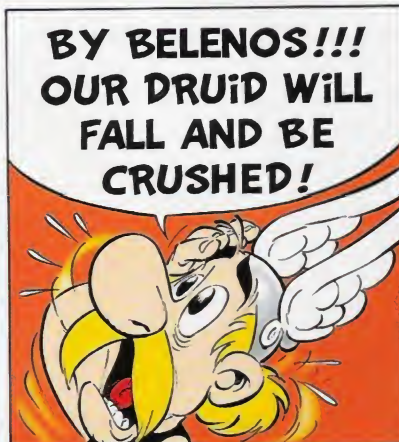
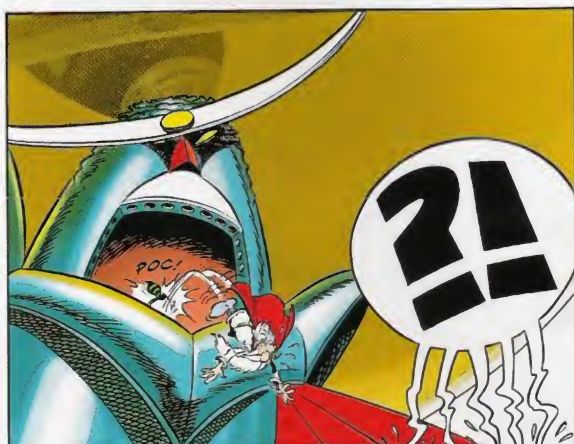
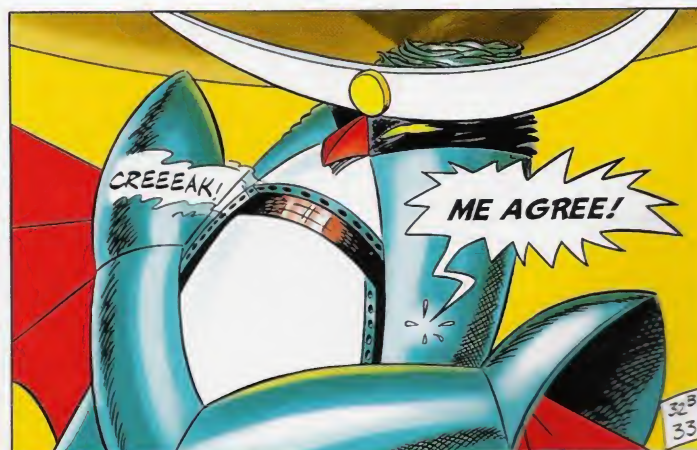
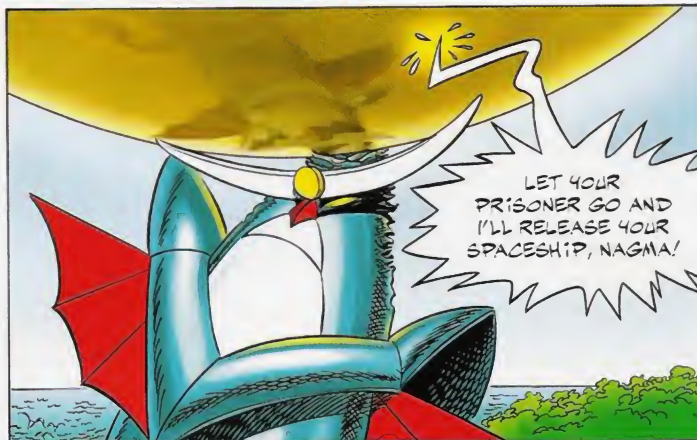
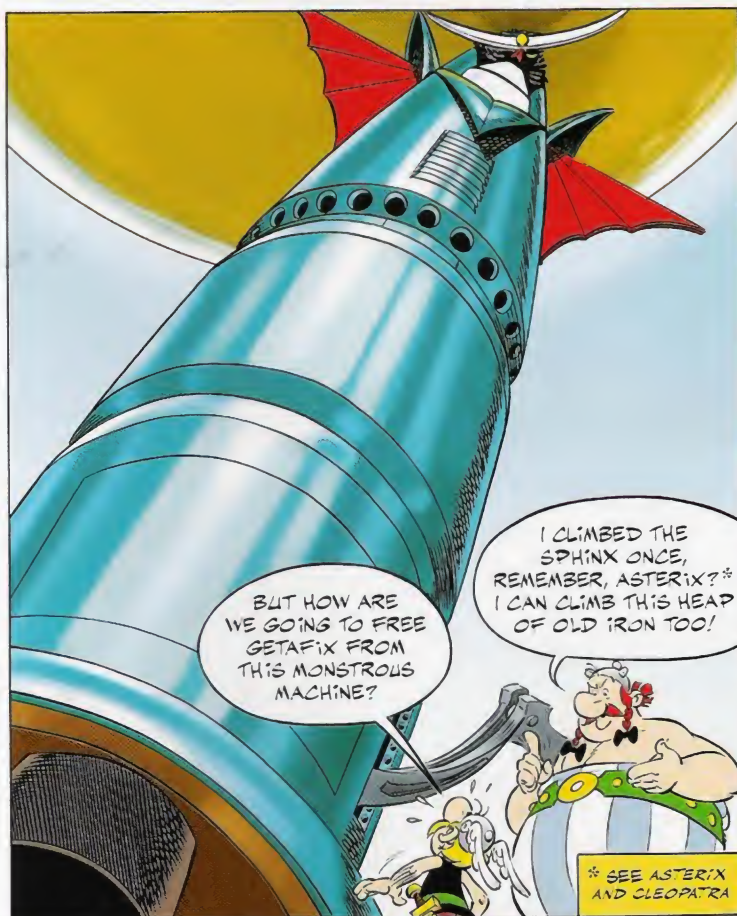
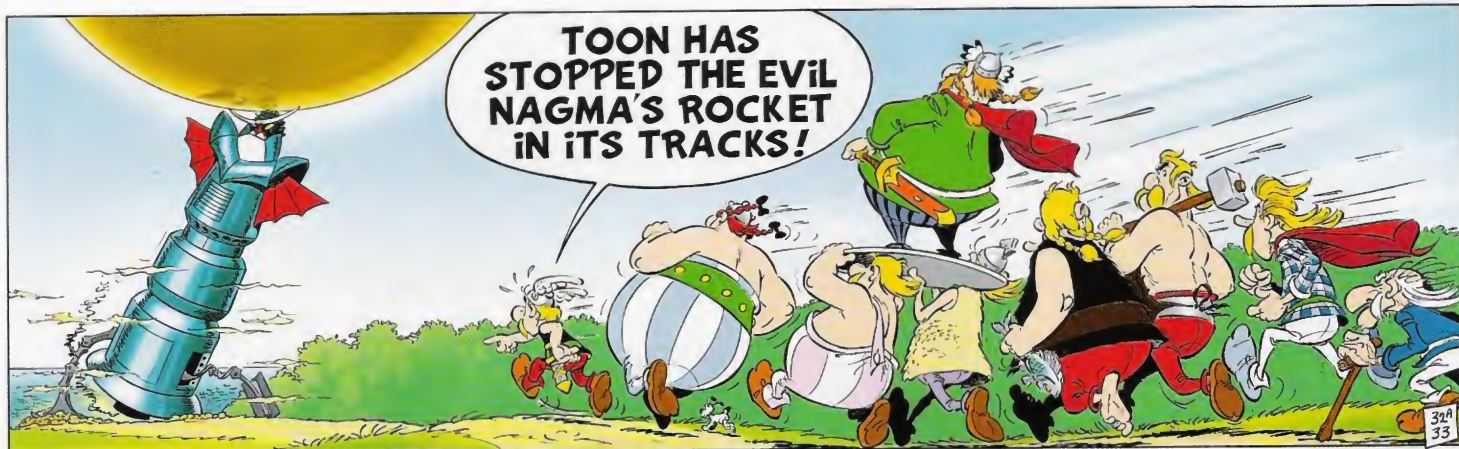
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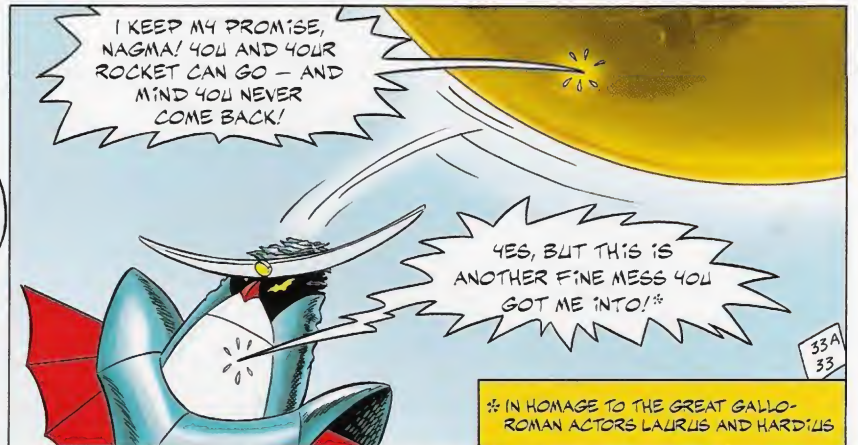
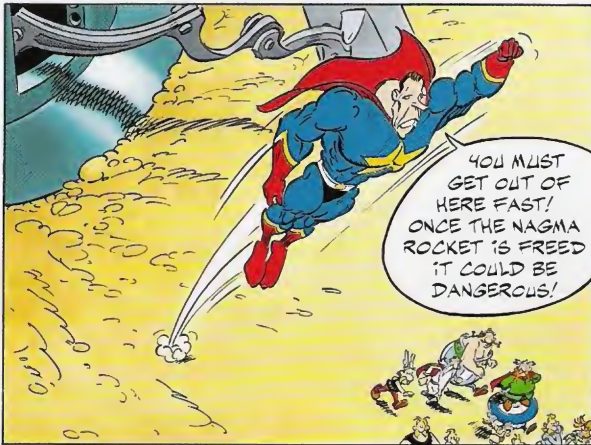
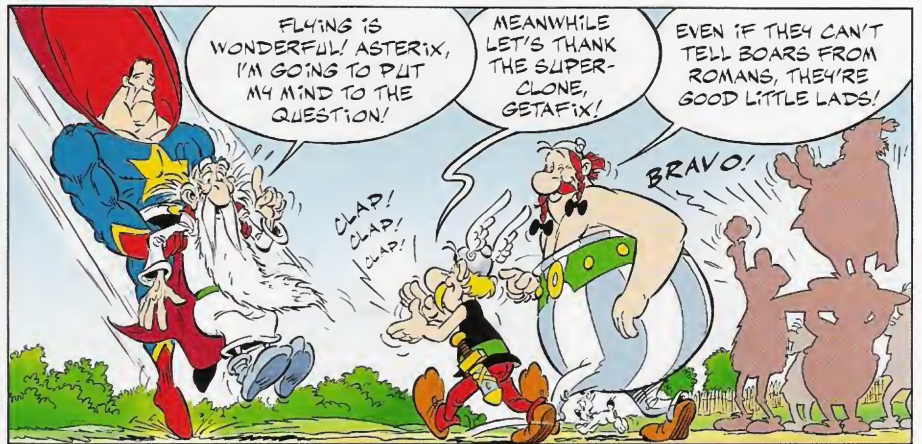
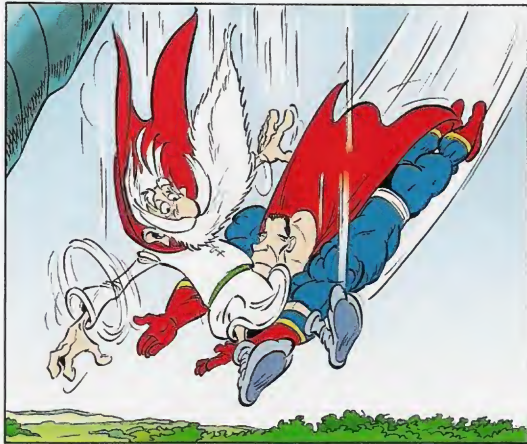


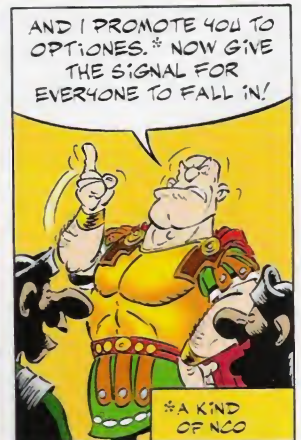
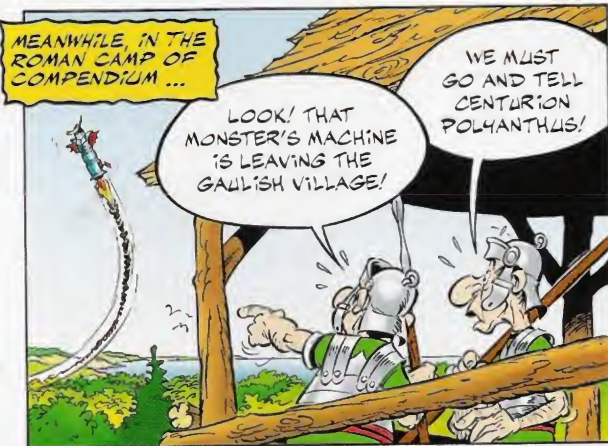
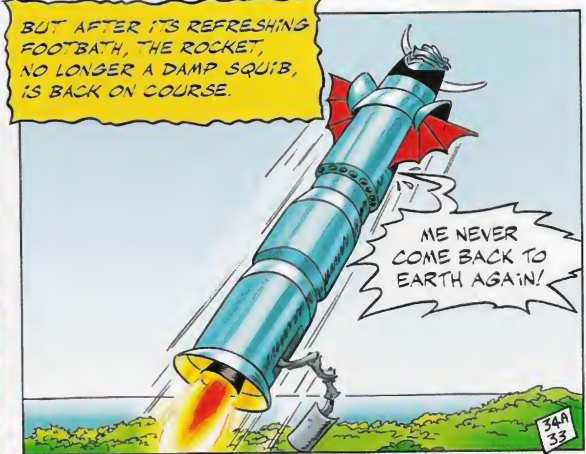
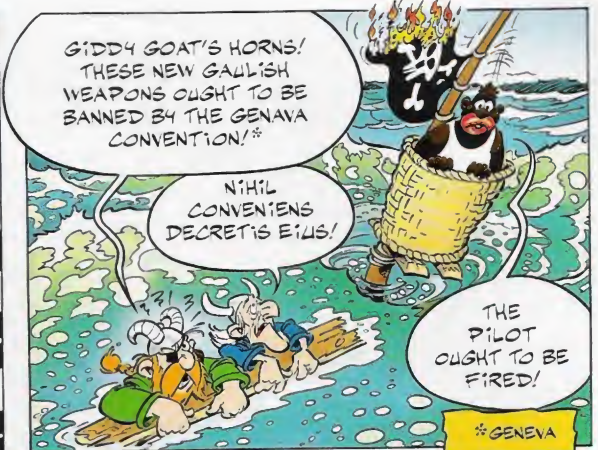
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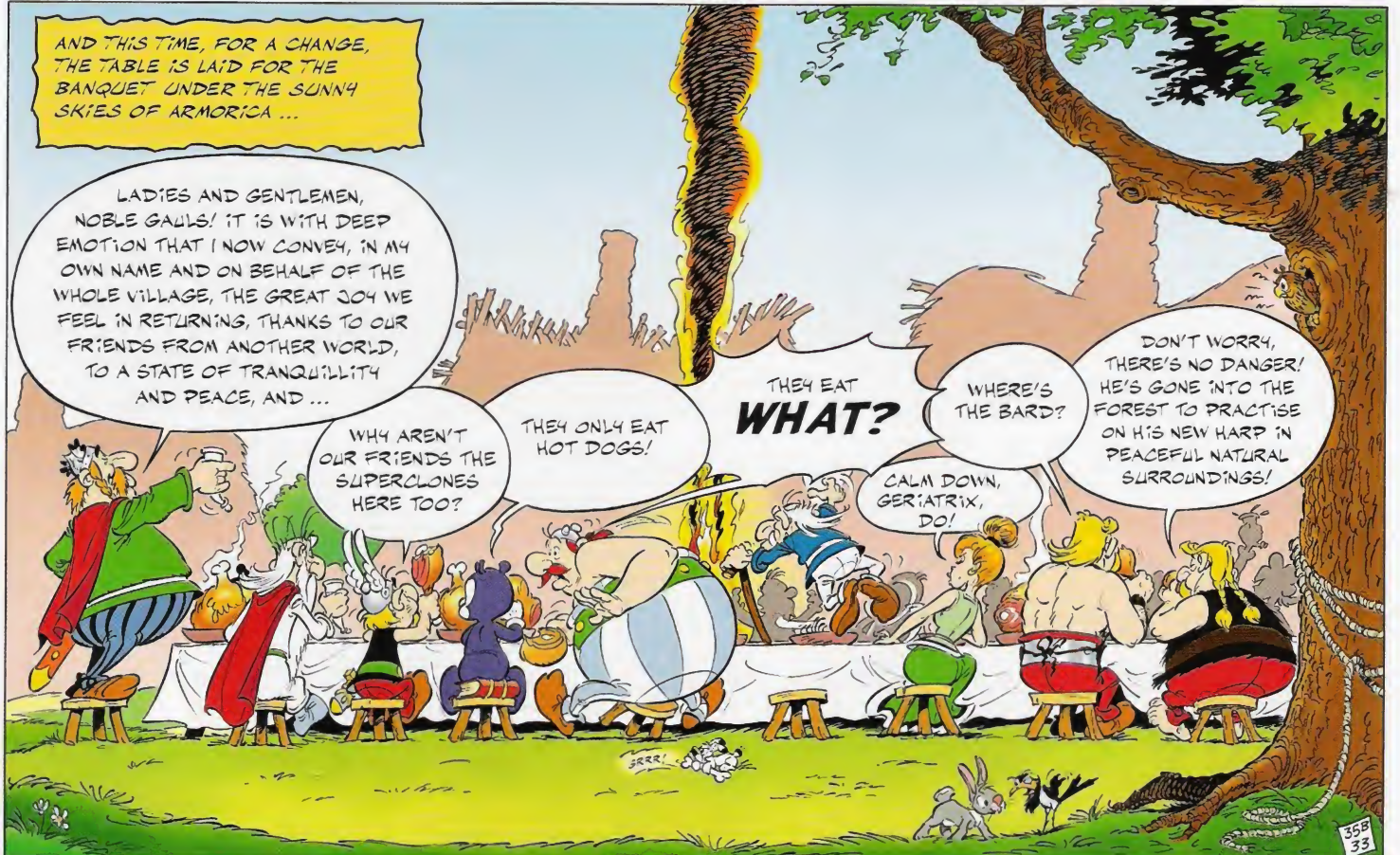
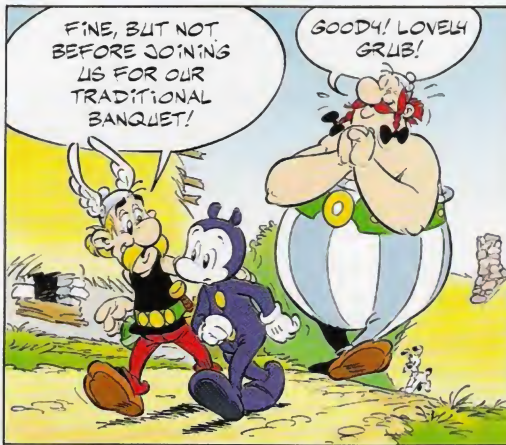
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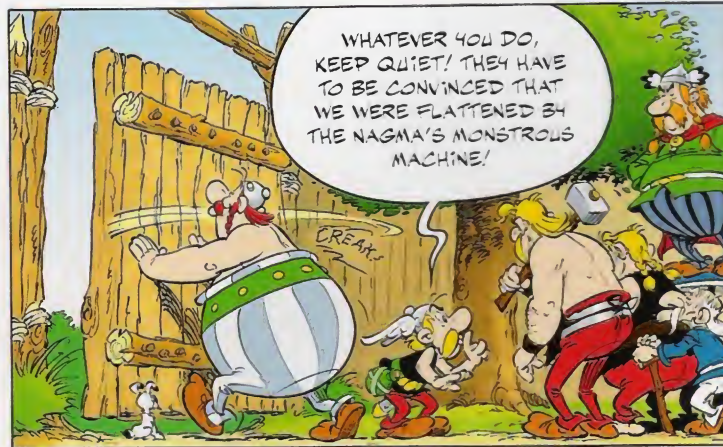
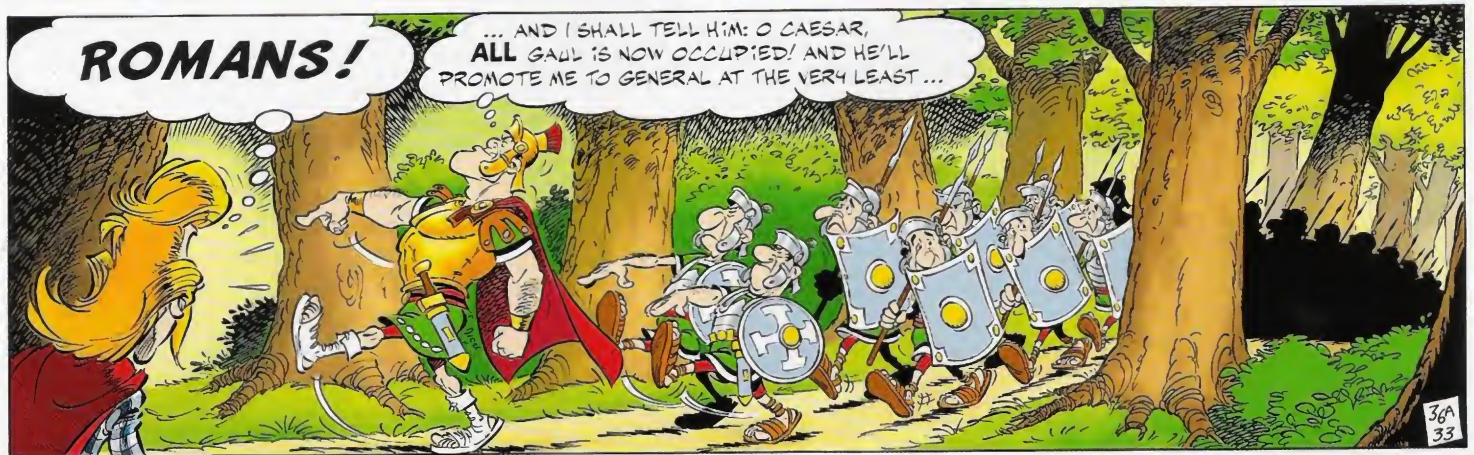




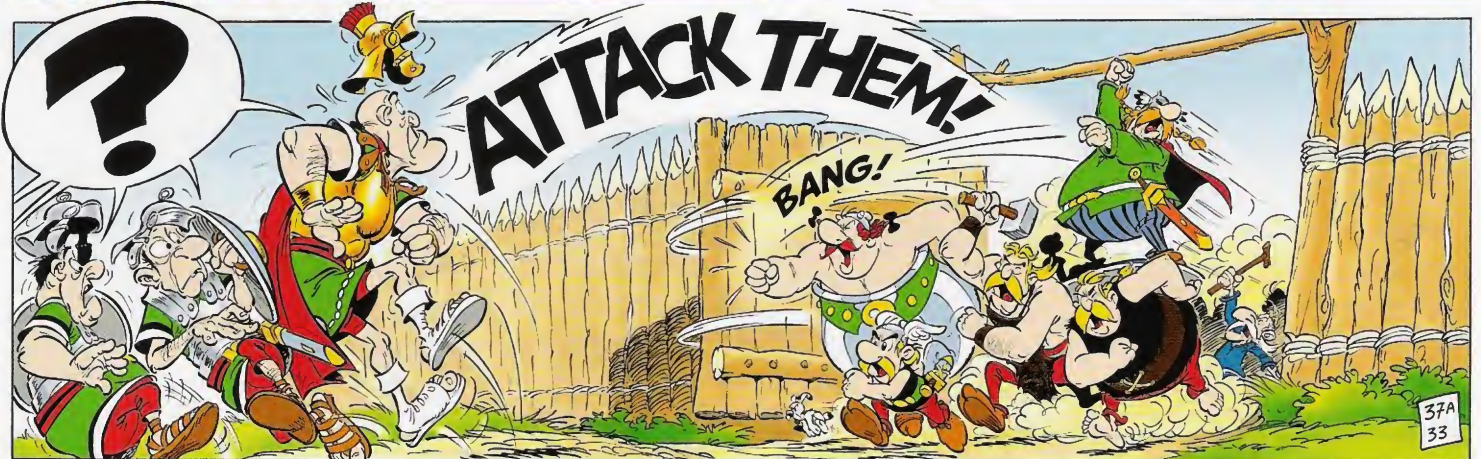


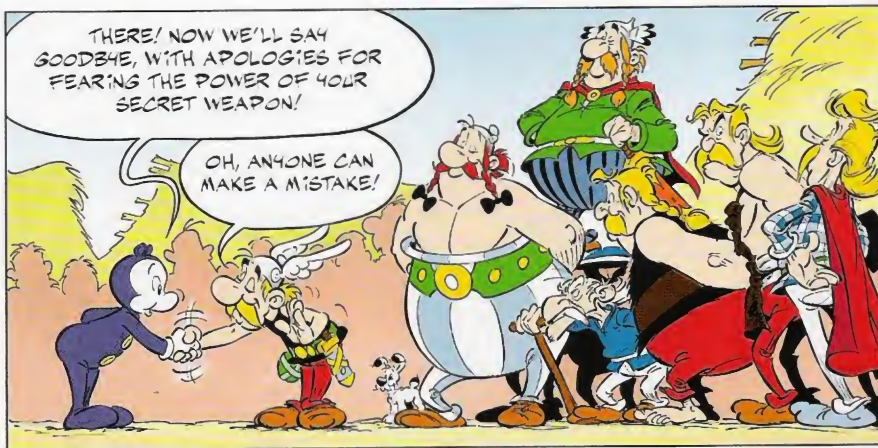
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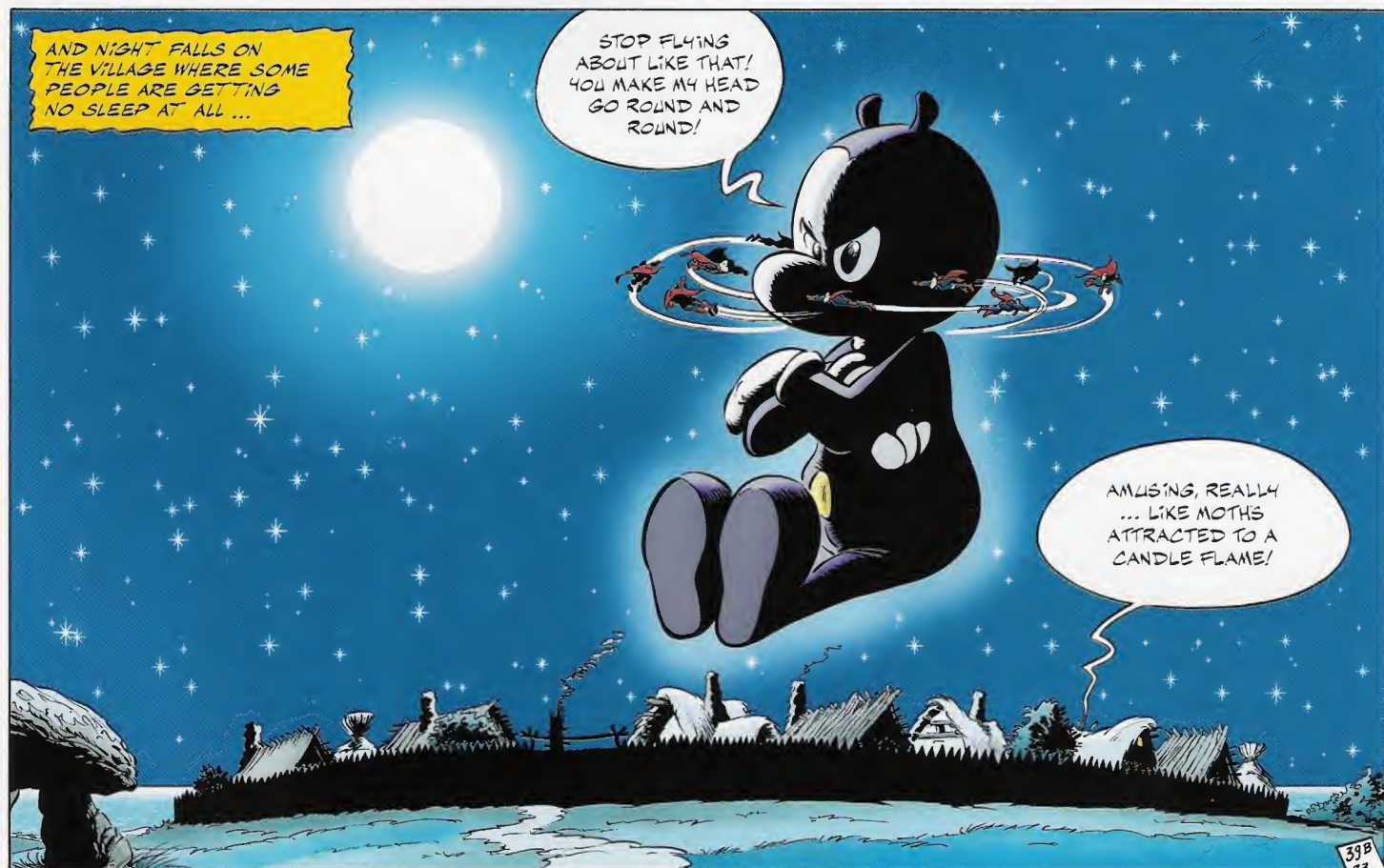
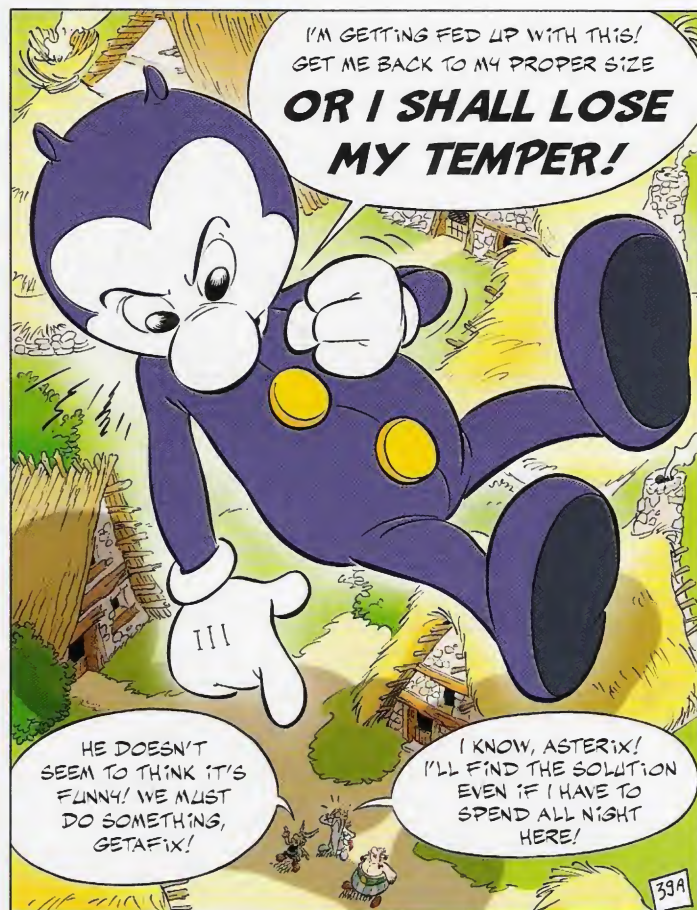


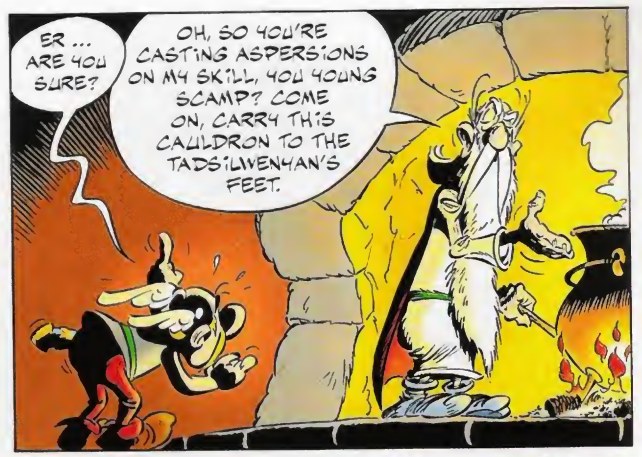
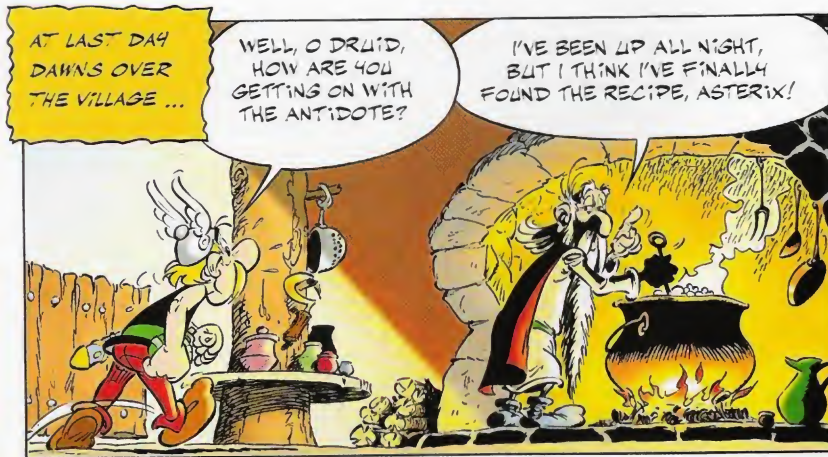


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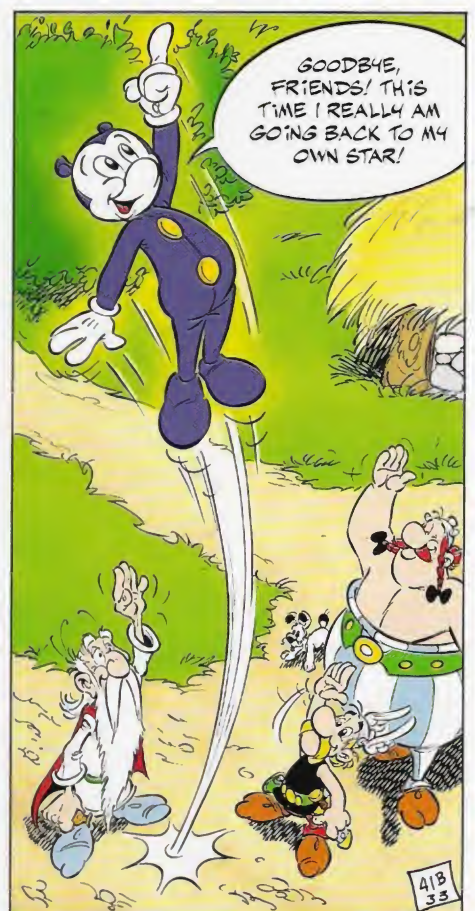
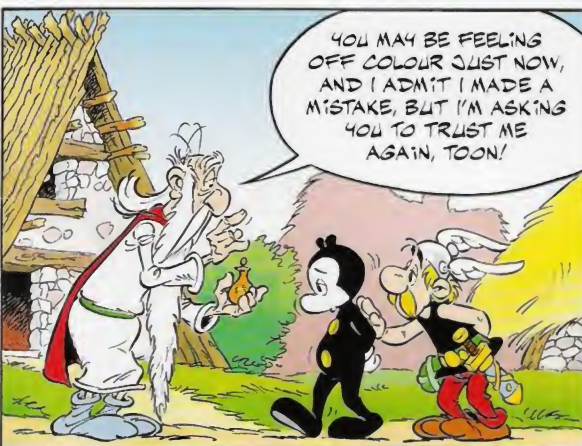
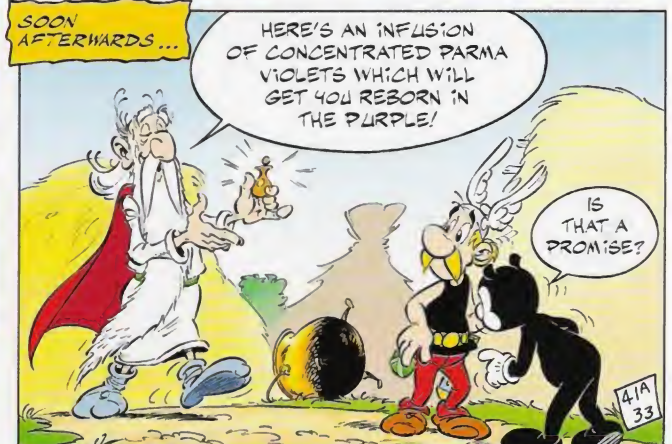


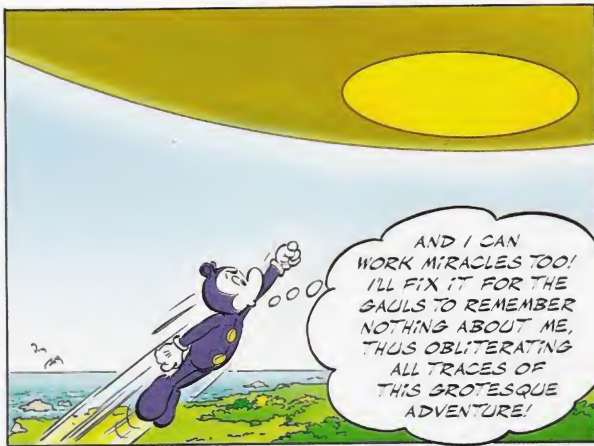






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AND I CAN
WORK MIRACLES TOO!
I'LL FIX IT FOR THE
GAULS TO REMEMBER
NOTHING ABOUT ME,
THUS OBLITERATING
ALL TRACES OF
THIS GROTESQUE
ADVENTURE!



WHAT ... WHAT'S
THE TADSILWENYAN
DOING?

HE'S CRAZY!
HE'S GOING
TO CRUSH US
ALL!!!

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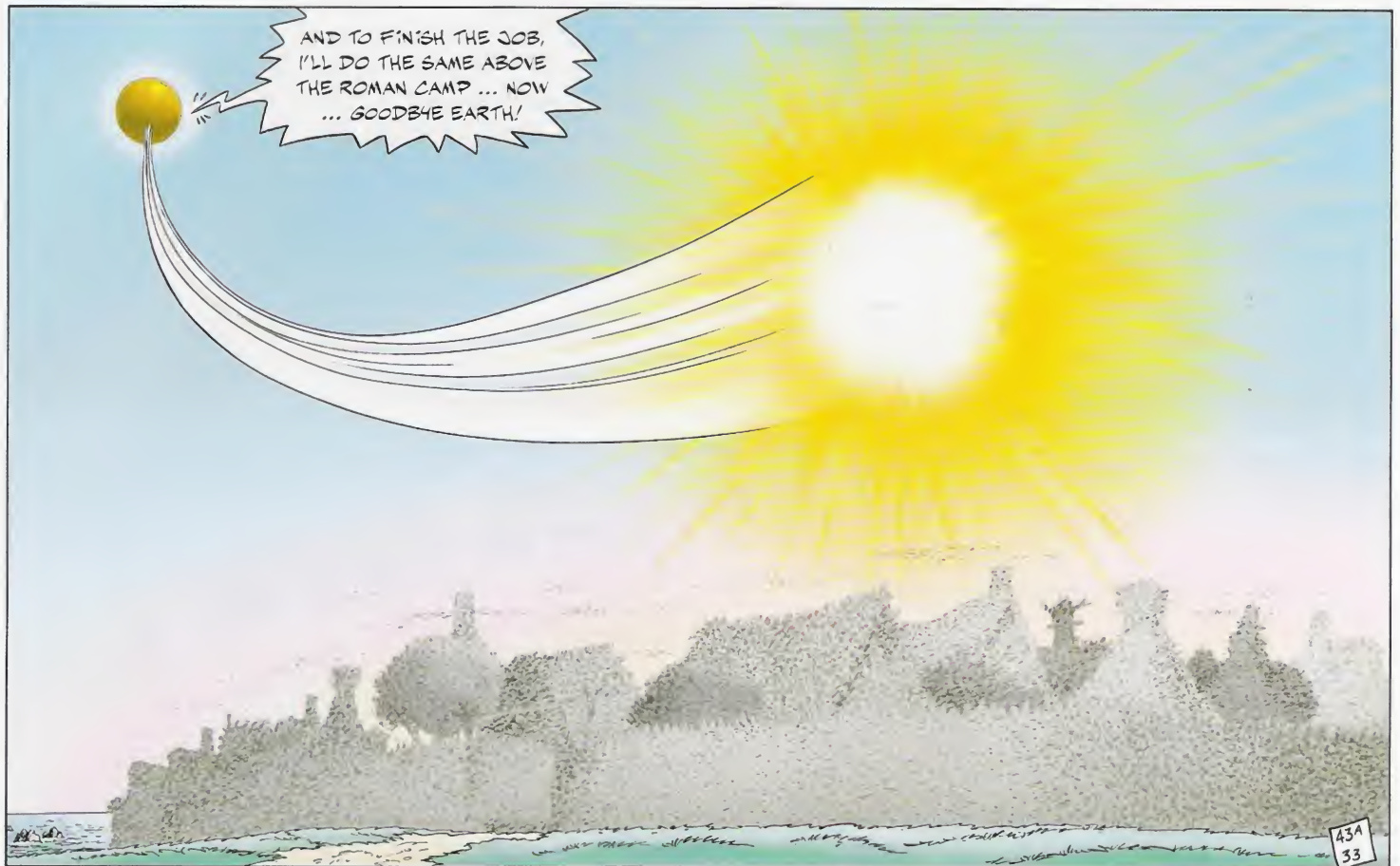


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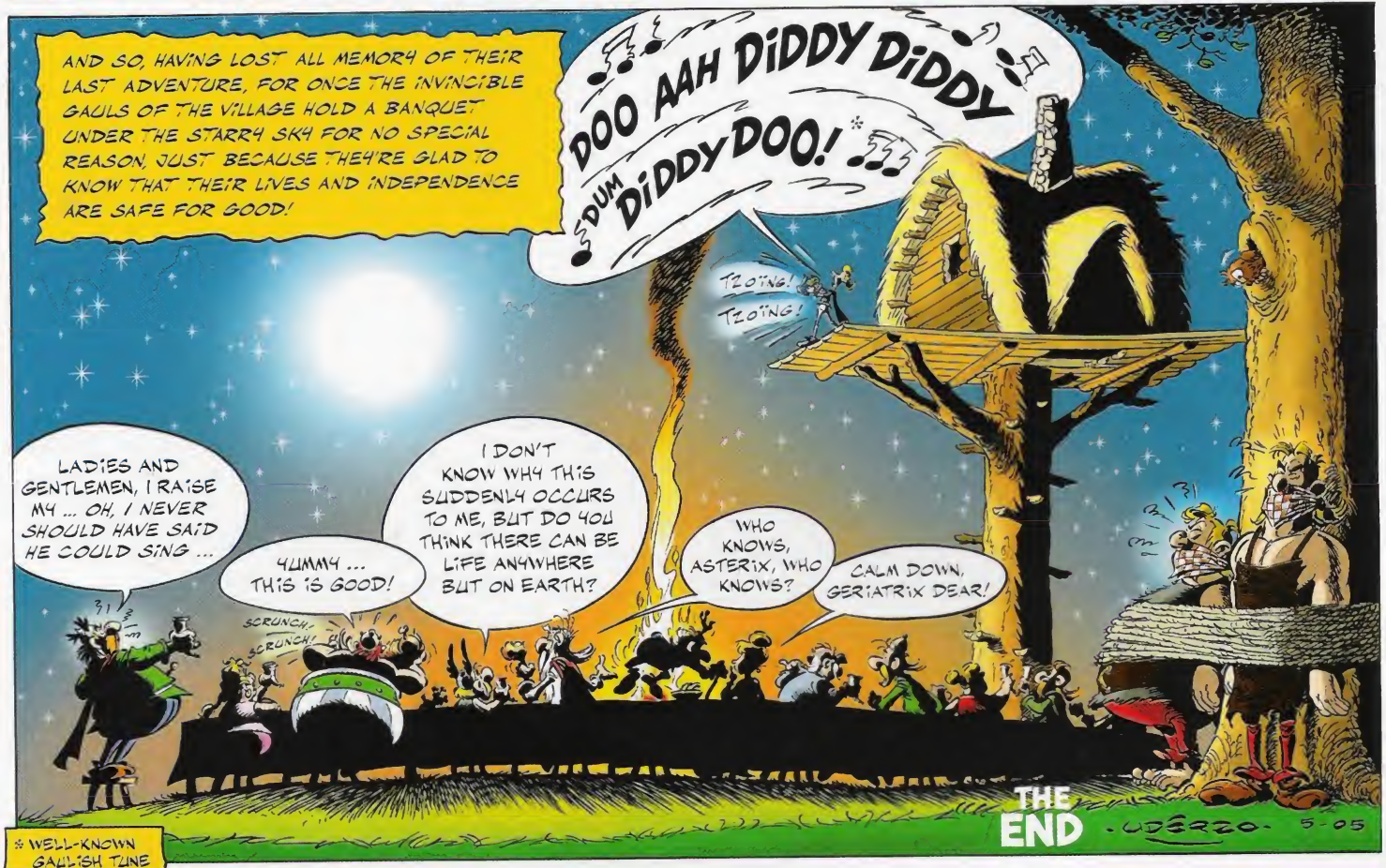
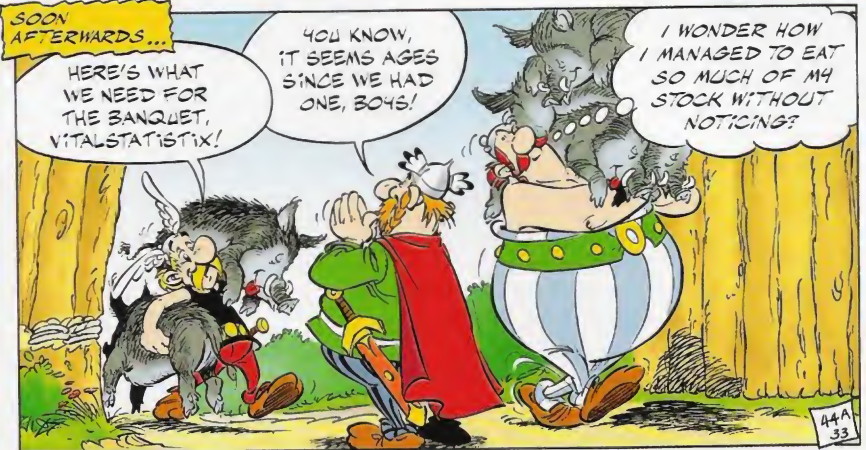
BROOOOOOOFFEE!

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"In this book I would like to pay tribute to the great creations of Tadsilweny... sorry, I mean the great creations of Walt Disney who, famous and amazing druid that he was, allowed some of his colleagues, myself included, to fall into the cauldron of a potion of which he alone knew the magical secret."

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only one fear:
that the sky may
fall on their
heads tomorrow.
But tomorrow
never comes, says
Chief Vitalstatistix.
Or does it?
It looks as if it's come
at last for Asterix,
Obelix and the other
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fall along with the sky.
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themselves in the middle
of a space race . . .



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